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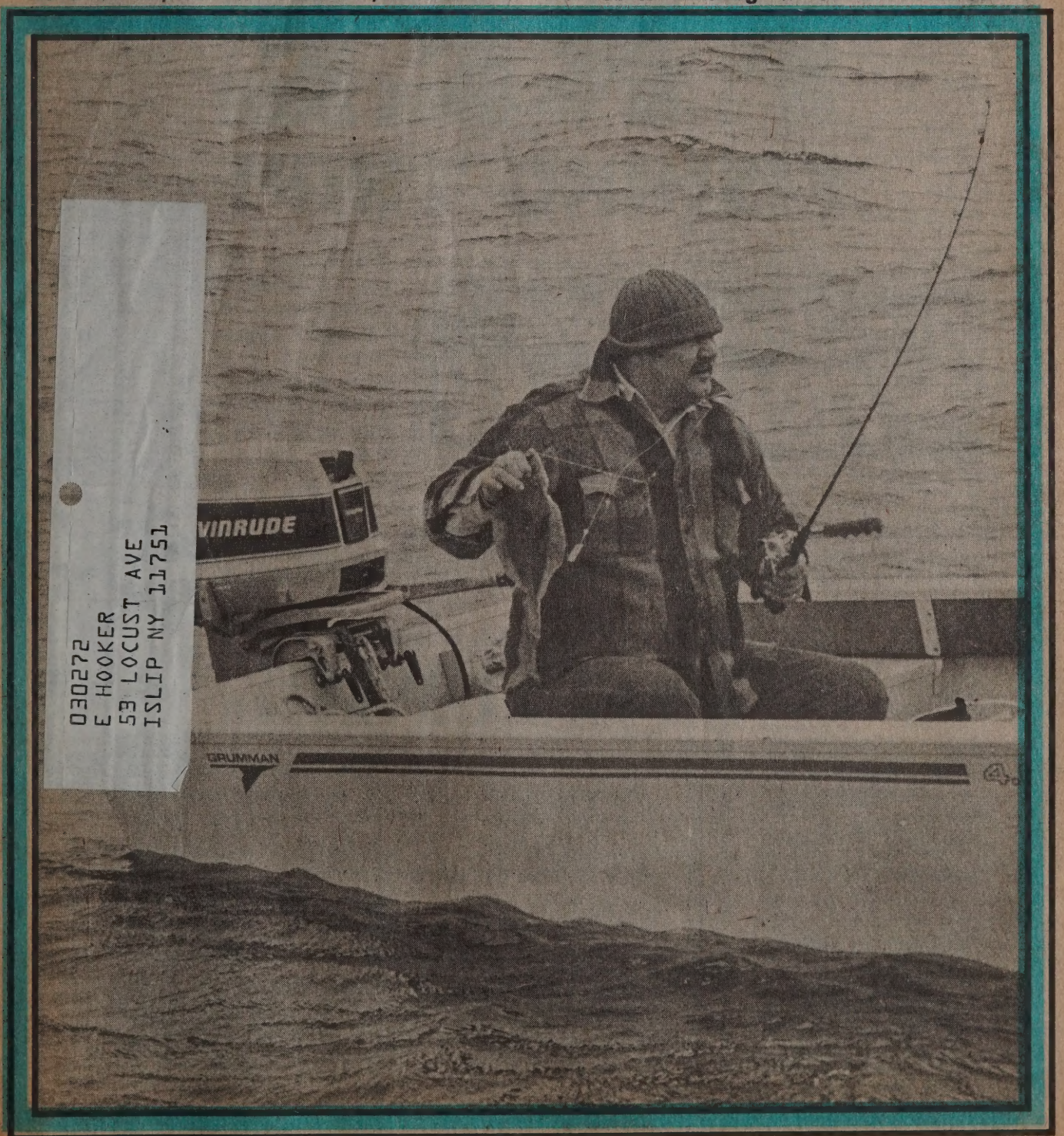

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The next couple of weeks should be a good time to stock the freezer with flounder fillets. See the fishing report section for the latest on where to get in on some good flattie action. Cover photo by Pete Barrett.

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EDITORIAL

Support for Commercial Fishing Grows: SHINNECOCK FACILITY

Since 1974 we have been warning interested parties about alarming government support for our domestic commercial fisheries. It all began in 1974 when we received and were asked to comment on a document from the U.S. Department of Commerce. The document discussed various intentions of the federal government to support and underwrite an expansion of domestic commercial fishing. We responded to that document by pointing out the foolishness of forging full steam ahead without knowledge and data regarding the ability of fish stocks to stand the increase in harvest pressure. We also objected to the lack of reference to support of the recreational fishing industry and the total failure to recognize the traditional recreational reliance on some inshore species. We agree that there are some species that were under-utilized and we also agree that the development of a consumer market for these species might be a good idea. We also warned that unless the harvests of foreign fleets was curtailed, that domestic expansion could prove disastrous. In all cases, we said, the need for proper stock assessments and management plans should be a prerequisite to expansion. We printed this response.

What happened is history. The domestic commercial fishermen interpreted the 200-mile limit law as giving them carte blanche to harvest everything that the foreigners had been taking, and then some. The icing on the cake was the dramatic rise in fuel cost during the late 1970s. The increased cost of running back and forth to offshore grounds caused more and more harvestors to look on the inshore grounds. That translated into more and more pressure on inshore species and inshore habitats and the result has been a dramatic decline in some species such as weakfish, blues, bass, even winter flounder.

Unfortunately, the government continues to provide moral and financial assistance to our commercial fishermen. In truth, the domestic fleet is over-extended and the dramatic decline in fishing in some areas for some species closely parallels what occurred in the 1960s when the Russians came to rape the shelf. Somehow, it seems, if the rape is kept in the family that the crime is not so bad; even approved. The government's answer to this is more loan subsidies and more government-backed construction in support of commercial activities.

To make matters worse, the councils (Fishery Management) are increasingly dominated by commercial interests. This fact has caused the mackerel allocations to increase at a time when the mackerel stocks were starting to rebound but before they have returned to pre-1960 levels, has liberalized the plan for groundfish, has resulted in extraordinary delays in the development of a bluefish plan, and as a final example, has resulted in joint venture operations with foreign countries for squid. The large harvests of squid during the summers of 1981 and 1982, in relatively shallow inshore waters, has dramatically reduced the abundance of the two squid species common here and the result has been significant declines in the quality of recreational fishing in Peconic Bay, Long Island Sound, and Montauk, where summer squid is a predator's mainstay.

We've also warned about the construction of large commercial facilities; including several that are scheduled as protein block producers. The following facilities are either planned or under construction: Greenport, Montauk, Island Park and Shinnecock. Some facilities are intended as million pound processing units! With fuel prices sky high and protein blocks accepting any edible species, it takes little imagination to figure out where a lot of the million pounds will come from!

Press releases indicate that the government expects an expansion of about 11,000 jobs on Long Island when all plants are completed. However, figures are misleading. For one thing, the published reports cite a current employment level of 9,000 instead of the reality which is 17,000. Yes, there will be more commercial jobs, but not an increase of over 100 percent as has been suggested. Our own analysis suggests about a 15 percent increase in commercial fishery employment. Those are real numbers not an accountant's pipe dream. And where will these jobs come from? Are they really "new" jobs. No, since we believe there will be a loss of jobs in the recreational industry as a result of the growth in the commercial industry as harvests increase and stocks decline. Since there are over 100,000 people employed in the recreational

industry in New York, we can predict a net loss of jobs ranging upwards of 20,000 to 50,000 depending upon the severity of the fish stock declines.

The first facility to go into operation is the Shinnecock facility. The cost is reported at $950,000 and the feds contribute $400,000. Suffolk County foots the rest of the bill. Don't you wish that Suffolk County would kick in that kind of money to help an economy depressed recreational industry? Don't you wish Uncle Sam would help us build an ocean pier for recreation? That kind of support and effort would not only create new jobs, but provide suitable recreational fishing opportunities for our millions of senior citizens and young people.

Published reports also suggest a five-fold increase in the commercial fishing contribution to the local economy. Yet, again, the PR boys in Commerce are being fed the wrong numbers. The value of commercially caught finfish in New York is **not** $40 million, but rather about $12 million, whereas the recreational industry contributes over $125 million each and every year. It makes a lot of sense doesn't it? That is, to slice the legs out from under a healthy and vital segment of the economy in order to give a Mickey Mouse shot in the arm to a weak relative.

Ah! But then the above arithmetic is consistent with the math many commercial fishermen like to use. According to one report in Newsday awhile back, a commercial fisherman responded: "My accountant says I'm operating in the red. Well, it pays me a salary, anyway."

Where I come from if you're in the red, then there is more money going out than is coming in and one goes out of business. If an operation is in the red, how can it afford to pay the owner's salary? That's suspicious. It is a practice that many businesses use today which is a way of providing a good salary for the boss while also creating huge deductions for IRS purposes!

This doesn't seem to work as well for the recreational industry. I can't remember all of the tackle companies, charter boats, party boats, marinas, boat liveries, publications, etc., etc., that have gone out of business because they have been operating in the red! For commercial fishermen it appears to be a way of life that continues from generation to generation. Let's be honest, fellas and ladies. You like operating in the red because of the tax deductions and the common practice of not fully accounting for cash sales doesn't hurt that red ink either.

It is time for concerned citizens to act. How about you senior citizen groups out there. Would you like to spend a day at a cool, clean, modern, ocean fishing pier, relaxing and doing a little crabbing or fishing the way your counterparts in Florida and the Carolinas do? Get your memberships together and go visit some congressmen and demand those piers. Fishing clubs, recreational organizations, and the recreational industry needs to get together, pool their resources, and put a stop to overharvesting and the government subsidies for commercial fishing. It simply won't happen unless we insist and work on it—all of us. The saying goes that we get what we pay for!

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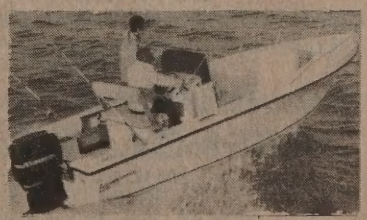

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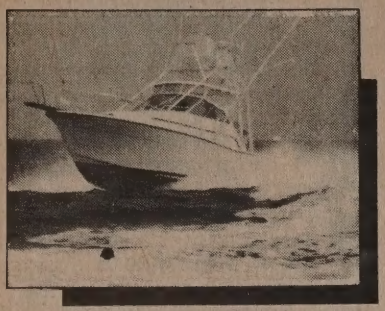

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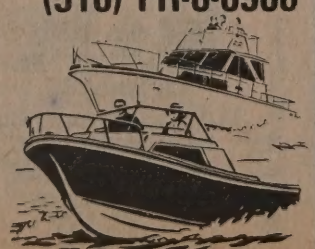

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ALL CLUBS INVITATIONAL COD TOURNEY SLATED FOR NOVEMBER 13

The all-Clubs Annual Invitational Codfish Tournament, hosted by the Squaw Island Fishing Club, will be held on Saturady, November 13, 1982, with an alternate date of Sunday, November 14, 1982.

The tournament is open to all clubs entering one to four boat teams. All entries will leave and enter Fire Island or Jones Inlets, weighmasters will be at Frank and Dick's Bait and Tackle in the State Boat Channel and at Hudson Point in Freeport.

Prizes will be Penn International Reels, awarded for First, Second and Third heaviest codfish and First, Second and Third total weight.

Entry fee is $60 per boat. Last date for entry is Thursday, November 11, 1982. For registration and further information, contact Mr. John Suss at (516) 661-5936 or Mr. John Frevola at (516) 226-7507.

MONTAUK'S FULL MOON BASS TOURNAMENT

Anglers in the Montauk Marine Basin's Sixth Annual Full Moon Bass Tournament last weekend found they had jumped the gun on the start of the fall run of striped bass from their summer feeding waters along the New England shore line.

Carl Darenberg, Jr., director of the tournament, said he had scheduled the event to coincide with Montauk's "Fall Festival on Long Island" celebration in hopes that the water temperature would have dropped enough to trigger the southward migration of the stripers. However, the temperatures held at the 65° level instead of cooling to the critical 56-58°.

"The Full Moon was just a little early for us," he said, reporting that 15 bass were weighed in during the 50-hour contest. "Fishermen are doing well to the north of us around Cape Cod and we are expecting a good run of bass on the new moon during the weekend of October 16."

More than 60 boat fishermen and 10 surfcasters entered the tournament which started at Noon on Friday, Oct. 1, and ended Sunday, Oct. 3, at 2 PM. Trophies and cash prizes were awarded for the three largest fish weighed in, and trophies and special awards went to anglers in special categories such as 'first and last fish weighed-in' and 'smallest fish of the tournament.'

Glenn Dennis of Ridge, NY, repeated his last year's win by again landing the heaviest bass of the tournament, a 59¼ pound tackle buster, from his boat, the "Linesides." In addition to a trophy and $300 prize money, he won a free mount of the fish by Fish Unlimited of Babylon.

Second place trophy and $200 prize money was won by Dennis Kelly of Sag Harbor, NY, with a 39 lb. striper, caught from the "Orient Express." A brother, James Kelly, had won third in last year's tournament with a 38½ pounder. A companion, Jake Early of Sag Harbor, also fishing in the "Orient Express," won the third place trophy and $100 cash prize this year with a 38½ pound bass.

The fourth place trophy was won by Robert Loersch of Sag Harbor, fishing in the "Haleakala." He caught a striper weighing 37½ pounds.

Special category trophy winners included:

First bass weighed in—a 28½ pounder caught by Carmine Mandarano of Brooklyn, fishing with champion bass fisherman Bob Rochetta, aboard the "Rainbow."

Last bass weighed in the tournament—28 pounds caught by Watson Blair of Glen Head, NY, fishing in the "Fan Far."

Smallest fish of the tournament was a six pounder caught by Arthur Johnson of Sound Beach, NY, who also caught a 26½ lb. bass during the tournament. In addition to a trophy, he received a consolation certificate for 'brunch-for-two' at Gurney's Inn.

At the close of the Bass Tournament ceremony, Mr. Darenberg presented a $1,000 check to Lisa Dasalakas, a junior at Southampton College who is majoring in marine science. It was the first award to a student at the school from the Montauk Marine Basin Scholarship Program which is funded by proceeds from the company's annual Shark Tag Tournament held during July of each year. A third annual $1,000 scholarship is scheduled to be awarded to a graduate student at the Marine Sciences Research Center at the State University of New York at Stony Brook later this year.

MATTITUCK INLET MARINA APPOINTED DEALER FOR UNIFLITE LUXURY YACHTS

Mattituck Inlet Marina & Shipyard, Inc., Mill Rd., Mattituck, NY, on Long Island's north fork, has been appointed a dealer for Uniflite luxury fiberglass cruisers and sport fishing yachts, 26 to 53 feet, according to Al Hill, vice president-marketing of Uniflite, Inc., Bellingham, WA, and Swansboro, NC.

Bill Boscola is President and Bill Fiermonti Sales Manager of the huge marine facility, which was established in 1961. It has 100 slips, indoor storage for more than 200 boats, a ship's store, complete woodworking and machine shops, and 25 and 50-ton Travelifts.

A Uniflite 46 foot Motor Yacht on order from the factory is expected to be delivered by the end of October, Boscola said. This luxury craft has two large air-conditioned salons,

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NEW DUCK'S UNLIMITED CHAPTER FORMING

A new Duck's Unlimited Queens Chapter has been formed. Its chairman is James Quinn of Middle Village, NY. We are proudly announcing a fund raising dinner scheduled for Friday, October 1, 1982 at 7:30 PM, to be held at Niederstein's Restaurant. The restaurant is located at 69-16 Metropolitan Ave., Middle Village, NY. For ticket information please call Mr. James Quinn at (212) 894)3860.

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The public and especially the children are welcome at this educational meeting, which will be held on Oct. 27, 8 PM at the American Legion Post #170 at 33 Passaic St., Rochelle Park, New Jersey. Free hot dogs, beer and soda will be served at the conclusion of the meeting.

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Sport Fishing Institute Bulletin

Recreational fishing is vital to the nation's economy but government investment is needed to meet the growing demands of an army of anglers.

On August 14, 1982, in the early hours of the morning the House-Senate Conference Committee decided to delete Section 286 of HR 4961, the bill that created the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982.

Section 286 was the Dingell/Johnson (D/J) expansion language passed by the Senate and slated for amendment in the Conference Committee by recommendation of the House Merchant Marine & Fisheries Committee leadership. In the amended (House Merchant Marine & Fisheries Committee) form, it would have included:

1. Transfer of 2/3 of the monies authorized by the Boating Safety and Boating Facilities Improvement Act of 1981 (at least $20 million, possibly as much as $27 million) to the D/J program with one-half earmarked for boating facilities imporvement and one-half for traditional D/J programs. Source of these funds: an existing four cents-a-gallon motor boat fuel tax, and reverted highway fuel tax monies paid by boaters.

2. Earmarking presently collected import duties on fishing tackle, yachts and pleasure boats to the D/J program (about $20 million annually).

3. Extension of the 10 percent manufacturer's tax on selected items of fishing tackle to additional items of fishing tackle presently not taxed under D/J (about $5 to $7 million).

4. "Deferral language" that would have extended the period of payment of D/J taxes by the manufacturers. (The present payment system does not accommodate the seasonality of fishing tackle and, in fact, increases the cost of D/J taxed fishing tackle items.)

The reasons for the D/J expansion measure's failure within the Conference Committee are conjectural at this point. The generally accepted reason is that the House-Senate Conference Committee elected to eliminate, without regard to individual merit, sections of the tax bill that were considered extraneous to the purpose of the legislation.

The Sport Fishing Institute (SFI) originally proposed the tariff and fuel tax portions of the compromise at an American Fisheries Society (AFS) Administrator's Section meeting in Bettendorf, Iowa on May 18, 1982. That compromise proposal was formally proposed to Representative John Breaux, Chairman of the House's Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and the Environment, by Gilbert C. Radonski in a letter dated May 21, 1982.

The compromise was offered in place of D/J legislation (HR 2250 and S 546) that would have put a 3% manufacturer's tax on certain boats, outboard motors and boat trailers. Boating interests with considerable political power strongly opposed the legislation and the measures were stalled in the Congress. The compromise would have brought boaters' dollars into the D/J fund, a goal of the D/J expansion proponents. Boating interests would have gained a continuing appropriation for their Boating Safety and Boating Facilities Improvement Act of 1981 which never has been funded.

With the loss of Section 286 from the tax bill, any possibility of securing significant new monies for the fishery resource is back to square one. The compromise D/J language endorsed by the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee leadership represented the best "deal" available that was acceptable to legislators, bureaucrats and D/J expansion advocates. For example, it was the only form in which certain legislators would not actively challenge D/J collection deferral language—it was made abundantly clear that deferral by itself was unacceptable—they saw the addition of items of fishing tackle presently not taxed as a **quid pro quo** for deferral.

Where do we go from here? SFI believes that D/J expansion is but one facet, albeit of significant proportions, of the bigger picture of the need for increasing the level of public investment in the fishery resource base.

Without a doubt, if the American fishing public is to be attracted to recreational fishing, the fishery resource must be of sufficient quality to attract the discretionary dollars the public will spend on outdoor activities. In 1980, according to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service's National Survey of Hunting, Fishing and Wildlife-Associated Recreation, fishermen spent $17.3 billion. Protecting, managing and enhancing the fishery resource base that generates expenditures of this magnitude is important to the national economy. So, failure to significantly expand the D/J fund, coupled with cutbacks in other federal fishery programs, is a major setback.

The improvement of the fishery resource will only come about by increased capital expenditures for intensive management of existing waters; new fishing waters are not coming on line. In the late 1960s and early 1970s the federal government invested huge sums of money in water development projects (flood control, hydropower, etc.) that resulted in greatly expanding the fishery resource base. Those investments created millions of acres of new fishing waters. This action resulted in more and better fishing opportunities. The Clean Water Act also contributed substantially to increased fishing opportunities by cleaning up grossly polluted waters. The increased fishing opportunities attracted millions of new fishermen. In 1965 there were an estimated 28.3 million anglers, by 1975 there were an estimated 54 million anglers. Although some of this growth is due to an increase in saltwater angling, the greatest share of the increase was in freshwater. In 1980 the estimate was once again 54 million anglers, indicating a virtual plateauing in number of anglers since 1975.

The case in point is if there is to be a significant expansion and protection of the fishery resource base it can only come through substantial government (state and/or federal) investment. It is no longer a case of increasing the base to attract hordes of new anglers but rather intensively managing the fishery resource we have to maintain, with modest growth, the numbers of anglers. Intensive fishery management is expensive but cost effective.

Where is the money to come from? The obvious answer is from the angler, the user of the resource. Is it to be from across the board increases of fishing license fees? Our examination of the complex, widely-varying licensing fee structure of the 50 states and the political intricacies of gaining

substantial license fee increases on a timely basis, indicates that the answer is probably not. We know that expanding the historic D/J tax base (**ad valorum** at the manufacturer's level on selected items of fishing tackle) has its critics. Should monies come from state general funds?

Fishing license income has been the historic financial base for many state fishery agencies. But it is becoming apparent that license income as a sole source of income is insufficient. Of the 54 million fishermen enumerated in 1980, approximately 29 million were licensed. The young, the old, the infirm, the military and (in most of the marine coastal states) the saltwater angler are exempted or are not covered by most states' licensing laws.

Many state legislatures have used the bestowal of exemptions to the old, infirm and military from licensing requirements as a charitable award without compensating the state fishery department for revenues foregone. It is SFI's position that the cost of such charitable awards should be borne by the states' general treasury, not an added expense to the license buying sector of society. The State of California is a state which has remumerated its fishery agency for senior citizen fishing license exemptions. Last year, 1981, the California legislature failed to appropriate monies to recompensate the fishery agency—so this year the agency did not permit a senior citizen exemption. In 1982 California was the only state that did not have an exemption or reduced license fee for senior citizens.

The bottom line is that the fishing license as a sole revenue source is an inequitable and untimely way of financing recreational fishery programs. Until the inequities are resolved (don't hold your breath in the interim) fishery agencies will have to look to other sources, such as D/J, to provide increased income to finance their programs.

Fishery resources and their management are largely the responsibility of the federal and state governments. Management of the public fishery resource with private capital is not a reasonable alternative—management cost must be borne by the public, most everyone will agree with that. The question is how to equitably asses the costs to the various segments of the public?

The answers obviously are not clear-cut and simple. One thing that is emerging as a growing crisis is the reduced funding of the fishery resource at the federal level. Long-standing and proven federal programs in the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) are proposed for cutback or elimination in FY 1983. They include:

- Elimination of the Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research units ($4.4 million).
- FWS Fishery research reductions would include termination of the National Reservoir Research Program and the reduction of research on the culture of warmwater fish ($1.34 million).
- FWS Fishery Assistance Offices at 13 locations throughout the country will be closed. These field stations provide technical assistance to other federal agencies; the National Refuge System and for fishery management on Indian lands ($0.89 million).
- Thirty-one fish hatcheries across the country would be permanently closed ($3.2 million).
- Termination of funding for Anadromous Fish Conservation Act grants to state agencies—includes the elimination of funding for the emergency striped bass investigations on the East Coast ($3.0 million).
- Serious curtailment of the NMFS habitat conservation and endangered species work including wetlands mitigation and protection efforts ($4.4 million).
- Marine resources monitoring, assessment and prediction program (MARMAP), a major biological investigations program of the NMFS ($4.0 million).
- Support for the Regional Fishery Management Councils is scheduled to be cut 44% ($4.4 million).
- Commercial Fishery Research and Development Act which provides incidental benefits to recreational fisheries ($4.0 million).
- The Sea Grant College Program is to be terminated ($32.2 million).
- Termination of the Saltonstall/Kennedy fishery development grants program ($2 million).
- Elimination of the Aquaculture Research and Development Program ($5.3 million).
- Initiation of the 3-year phase-out of the NMFS Columbia River Salmon Hatchery Program ($3.5 million).
- Elimination of the commercial fishing vessel buy-back program in the Columbia River Basin (reduces commercial harvest of salmon) ($2.5 million).

These cuts total $75 million! Other federal agencies with fishery resource responsibility will also be impacted. For example, the U.S. Forest Service's fishery research program will suffer a loss of approximately 14 percent, with a loss of $167,000. This means a reduction in research on Pacific Northwest anadromous fishery spawning and rearing habitat relationships, and some loss to the southeast U.S. trout research program.

Many of the federal programs proposed for reduction or elimination by the Reagan administration provide funding assistance to state fishery conservation agencies. Such extensive cuts in these support programs will be severely felt by the state agencies, particularly now, when funding levels for even traditional state fishery programs financed by fishing license fees are becoming increasingly inadequate in many states. It must be stressed that these cuts are proposed—intense efforts by fisheries oriented organizations such as SFI can modify and influence the priority of the final cuts by the Congress. These programs are being cut on the premise that many of these functions are the responsibility of the states. It is President Reagan's NEW FEDERALISM program. However, no financial mechanism presently exists within the states to take over many of the functions; also, the states, too, are strapped for funds and gearing up to accommodate these needs would take years. It is becoming a matter of fishery programs competing with social programs for very limited state dollars.

The Sport Fishing Institute, working with other organizations which are concerned with recreational fisheries, will continue to voice the needs of the recreational fishing constituency and the importance of government (state and federal) investing in the fishery resource. We cannot accept the rejection or reduction of fishery programs on the premise that recreational fishing is frivolous or non-essential. Recreational fishing is an important element of this nation's economy. SFI must continue to take the recreational fishing constituency's case to whoever will listen—legislators, bureaucrats, etc.—we can effectively compete with other programs for limited government dollars given the opportunity to make our case. We must continue to lobby for investment in the fishery resource. It is one area where government monies provide a return on investment. Now is the time when the recreational fishing constituency must make its presence felt and fight for programs that are cost-effective. SFI is carrying on that fight.

NOVEMBER ITEMS

BY FRED GUARDINEER

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MONTAUK'S NEGLECTED BLACKS

by Capt. John DeMaio

Some super fall blackfishing goes largely overlooked thanks to the attention paid other more glamorous species.

Because Montauk is blessed with an abundance of sport fish, some species are passed over in favor of others. Among the neglected are blackfish and mackerel.

Mackerel are perhaps more actively sought than the blacks. Many a potentially disastrous fishing trip has been saved by a school of mackerel. A quick change to a mackerel rig and the action begins. Not so with blackfish. Because of the tautogs' exacting diets, planning and preparation are needed before leaving the dock. This minor inconvenience plus a choice of cod, big flounder, and striped bass, have made the blackfish take a back seat in Montauk.

Consider the spring fishing. This is the time for a hot run of cod in the ocean waters. As early as March, the codfish action begins and continues into June. (Don't forget the pollack.) By this time striped bass have arrived. Plus bluefish, fluke, and the rest of the summer species begin taking hold. On the nearby inshore areas, sea flounder are being sought in the same place where blackfish action can be found. Still the blacks remain on the bench while flounder stay first string. Both the offshore and the inshore bottom fishing will produce a few blacks who choose to eat the soft bait offerings. (It never fails to amaze me the amount of admiration a blackfish will receive coming over the rail. More so than the cod and flounder that have been caught.)

Come the fall and the bass run plus an ocean bulging with bluefish, no one wants bulldogs with fins until every bass has swum past the Point. Then the blackfishing begins.

This late blackfishing has only been popular in the last seven years at Montauk. Or, since we lost the strong run of cod that would invade the rips every fall. By the time I start fishing for the blacks, it is the middle of November. At this time of the year the best blackfishing is to be found in the deep waters offshore.

If you desire, blackfish can be taken all year long at Montauk. Being blessed with an endless amount of rocky bottom and cool water temperatures, the knowledgeable angler can move from one location to another, as

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The author with a pair of Montauk bulldogs. Blacks of 10 lbs. are a common occurrence during November and December and five pounders are about average.

the season progresses, and fill the box on every trip. Some attention has been given the blackfish in the past five years, due to declining striped bass stocks, but I believe Montauk is mostly virgin territory for blackfish.

I am positive that you have read at least a dozen articles concerning blacks, with all the sharpshooter tricks included—breakway sinkers, the old one-bite, two-bite theory, and 20 various means of baiting a green crab. When deep water fishing for blacks I find that to be just so much mush. Following is what I believe to be the way to catch the blacks in deep water. The deepest water I have taken the blackfish in has been 120 feet at outer Cartwright. Included are a couple of tricks that will make a difference.

Let's begin with tackle. You don't need a pool stick type rod. A light boat rod of about seven feet will do nicely; the length being more important than the action. I use 30 lb. test mono. In deep water it will help feel out the bites better than the 40 lb. stuff. Heavy lines may save some tackle but will produce less fish. Fancy expensive reels are not needed. Any medium size reel of three or four to one will do. Sinker weights depend on area and tide. At outer Cartwright, even though there is no tide, an eight ouncer is required to keep you "on" the bottom. Smaller size sinkers appear to be floating, so to speak and often will not catch.

Hooks are very important. Once again, I choose a hook smaller than most other local fishermen use. It is a 2/0 Eagle Beak with an 18 inch leader of 40 pound test leader mono. Remember now, I am fishing for blackfish, not the occasional 30 pound codfish that may be lurking about. The 2/0 hook seems light, but it has handled blacks up to 12 pounds without bending. If you insist, a 4/0 should handle anything that may come along and still hook the blacks. The hi-lo rig is the one I prefer over the Seabright style.

The best bait to use is green crabs. Don't even consider anything else. Fiddlers may be a popular bait inshore but have little value in luring a black to the hook in the offshore depths. Hermit crabs are a good bait. But not good enough to be worth the trouble of using them. A hammer or such device is needed to break the shell in order to get a whole bait intact. A bushel of hermit crabs will yield a quart of bait. Positively not worth the effort.

Be careful using clams. Because cod and blacks can be found together, many anglers offer a choice of skimmer and crab on separate hooks. Clam bait can hurt the fishing. The reason why was pointed out to me by Captain Mike Albronda of the charter boat "Montauk." Mike, who gained his experience with one of Montauk's contemporary pioneers in blackfishing, Capt. Dick Vigilant, insists that using clam bait will suck in the bergalls. So much so that even the crab bait will be gobbled up by the little devils. Stay with the crab bait only.

How to prepare a green crab for bait is simple. Go by size. The small baits use whole, either without the top shell or merely crushing the shell with the sinker. Big crabs can be halved or even quartered, if large enough, and used with or without the shell. The thing I recommend removing is the claws. One leg, no legs, whatever—it doesn't matter. Simply put the bait on the hook and make sure the tip of the hook is showing. How you do this is also unimportant. Just be sure the bait is secured on the hook.

How does the blackfish bite? That second bite business is nonsense. At least in the deep it is. I fish blacks like any other fish that I use bait for. My sense of feeling and timing tells me when to strike. The fish never seem to bite the same. Not even on the same day. One day this past fall, the first rig down after securing the anchor was attacked by a blackfish. In turn, the several rigs that followed met with equal results. The fish were hitting hard and furious. This is not the rule. Most often the fishing starts slow and gradually builds. If the boat does not swing on its anchor, the blacks seem to thicken. In the beginning the fish will carefully take the bait and a slow lift, such as for flounder, is needed to hook the fish. Also, when you do go to hook the fish, a long follow through is helpful in sending the hook home. No short karate chops! The long pull takes out the slack and sets the hook. Hence the reason for the long rod.

All the customary sharp and fast bites that you associate with blackfish in the shallows must be put aside when offshore. A fresh head is needed. The feeding characteristics can be so tricky that it is often impossible to distinguish a 10 pound blackfish from a six ounce bergall. Slow lifting can solve most mysteries. On the lift, wait for a little more weight or a bigger bite before swinging. If nothing happens lower back to the bottom. A delicate touch and that ole, "sense of feel" will separate the men from the boys.

Unlike inshore or bay blackfishing, ocean swells can make feeling out the bite a difficult chore. Rough days even more so. A calm ocean and cooperative blackfish and you can sink the boat.

How much green crab is needed for bait depends on the amount of anglers and time fished. I would consider half a bushel for four men on the average all day trip. Chum is not needed. The discarded shells, and legs and claws will serve that purpose.

Two late season spots to be fished are the Southwest Ledge area and outer Cartwright. Tide plays an important role at the Ledge. Most productive fishing is done on the slack. During lunar periods of strong tides, a sixteen ounce sinker is not to be laughed at. Particularly on the ebb

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tide. Incoming is not as severe. Depths expected to fish here go from 60 to 70 feet.

Outer Cartwright has no tide to speak of and depths fished are about 105 feet. If fishing is to be considered equal in both areas, I would choose one location over the other by the time of slack water and also the weather. Why run to the Ledge if you have missed the slack and must wait three or four hours for the next. Also, in bad weather, Cartwright is closer and does not require the need to navigate as many rips as one must encounter when running to the east.

The biggest blackfish I have ever seen in Montauk is a mount that used to hang in Rushmeyers Restaurant in Montauk. I believe it weighed 21 pounds. The fish was caught on Montauk's south shore way back in the Fifties. Even though the average size black may go 5 to 6 lbs., with many a 10 lber. mixed into a good catch, real big slammers of 15 and 20 lbs. are a rare event. My believe is that such brutes are there, but are too wise to take the bait.

All the fish seem to follow the same behavior pattern when hooked. At first, they are difficult to get off the bottom and really double the rod over. After about 50 feet, it's just weight and then another struggle before surfacing. Pressure is responsible for a good deal of this. The pressure is evident by the blown-up bladder protruding out of the mouth and the pop-eyed look.

These offshore spots are best fished late in the year. This is unfortunate because you can expect a good deal of rough weather. From the second half of November right through December. Even all winter I may add, but I'm not sure of that because I have never gone much later. The Ledge area begins earlier and ends so. Cartwright, the outside, is a deep water wintering spot. Some dividends to be found are the codfish and mackerel. The cod WILL take a crab bait; skimmers are better. If you use skimmer, use it all at once. Once the cod stop biting and the bergalls take over, go back to the green crabs. Every trip will produce at least six cod without even trying. Mackerel will jump on the empty hooks being retrieved and let you know they are around and can be caught.

What I take for granted amazes most of my few late charters here at Montauk. Only a handful of fishermen have experienced such blackfish action. Many a fisherman has looked into the fishbox and shaken his head in a fashion of disbelief. When you start throwing back the blacks from two pounds and under, you have great fishing. This kind of fishing is taken for granted, and expected in the deep waters surrounding Montauk.

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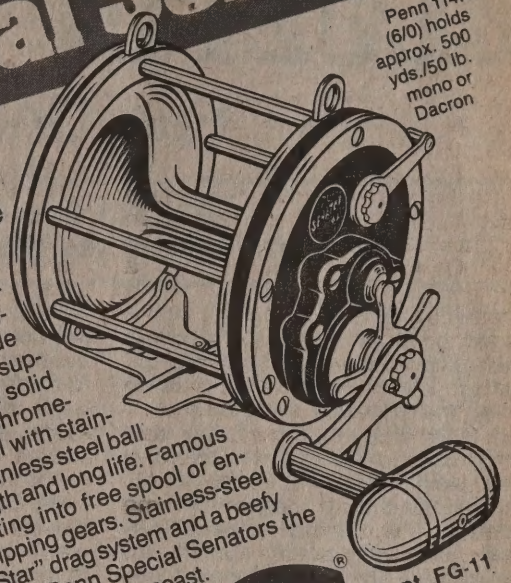

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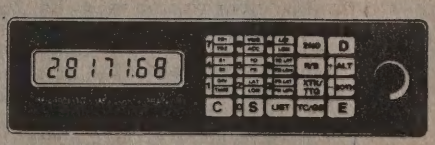

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THE 1982 BLUEFIN TUNA SEASON

Part One—*by Al Ristori*

The first of a three part series reviews the preliminary results of the 1982 bluefin tuna fishery

The 1982 bluefin tuna season represented either the best or worst of years, depending on where you are located. The run of fish east of Block Island was probably the best ever in that area, but anglers to the west never really got a chance to determine what would have happened in the Mud Hole during September and October. The one fish per-boat-per-week limit on giants spread the season out a bit, but not long enough for New Jersey and western Long Island anglers. As for school tuna fishing, that was a real bust.

Preliminary results of this year's bluefin tuna fishing were provided by Dave Crestin, of the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Northeast Region office in Gloucester, at an October 6 meeting in Washington. Before getting into what the results were, let's step back and take a look at the unique structuring of the 1982 season.

As reported in a number of Fisherman articles, there was a vast change in international attitude toward the bluefin tuna last fall. Scientists meeting at the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) gathering in the Canary Islands checked the statistics and came to the conclusion that the bluefin tuna had been seriously overfished. In fact, this was so much the case in the western Atlantic that they called for a stop to directed fishing. As the meeting progressed, this was modified to allow for a monitoring program. About 560 metric tons of bluefin were to be divided up among the nations fishing the western Atlantic resource. Furthermore, the only directed fishing was to be that approved by the scientists for monitoring purposes.

Not surprisingly, domestic interests fought over the small allocation at a State Department meeting in January—and divided the catch based upon an unrealistically small proportion assigned to Japan and Canada. As I wrote at the time, there was no way that those nations would sit still for such small quotas. Sure enough, at an international parlay in Miami during February, the insistence of the Japanese and Canadians on a bigger piece of the action (plus domestic pressure based on other scientific information that indicated a much brighter stock picture) resulted in the overall monitoring quota being jumped to 1160 metric tons. The U.S. got 605 tons out of that, with 305 going to the Japanese and 250 to the Canadians.

Though no one was really happy with the results, it was the first big breakthrough in bluefin conservation. There was never any mystery about what happened to this formerly superabundant resource. The American purse seiners wiped out most of the resource in the 60s, with East Coast seiners keeping up the pressure on the small fish year after year. Then the Japanese started killing thousands of pre-spawning giants on the winter Gulf of Mexico spawning grounds in the early 70s. The combination was more than the resource could stand. The U.S. convinced ICCAT to hold member catches at "recent" levels and to protect the small fish. Furthermore, domestic operators were kept off medium tuna in order to protect the 1973 year class, the one good one since the early 60s.

The agreement last February spelled an end to both the Japanese Gulf of Mexico spawning giant fishery and the directed American purse seine pursuit of immature tuna. The Japanese were reduced to 8% of their previous catch—and that was for by-

Montauk anglers enjoyed one of their best seasons ever with four and five hundred pound bluefins dominating the catch. Photo courtesy Montauk Marine Basin.

catch in their North Atlantic winter bigeye fishery. Since the scientists had no use for purse seining catches in the monitoring program, the other negative factor in the tuna situation should also have been removed. However, an original 47 ton by-catch of school bluefins permitted them in the skipjack fishery was jacked all the way up to an unrealistic 150 metric tons (165 short tons). Then, after the public hearings were over, a provision was made which allowed the purse seiners to catch in giant tuna what they didn't take in school tuna.

In order to spread out the reduced domestic fishery, handgear users were limited to one giant per-boat per-week. The total quota for the general handgear category (rod and reel, handline and harpoon) was 281 metric tons (310 short tons). It was anticipated that the limit could be increased during the season, but the catch rate turned out to be too high. Even at one per-boat-per-week, the quota was exhausted and the season closed on September 10. At the time there were still quite a few giants east of Block Island, and the fishing was just starting in the Mud Hole off northern New Jersey. A 26 ton reserve set aside to keep the fishery going after September 15 was also used up prematurely.

The net result was that the general category ended up over by 11½ tons at 321.5 short tons. That represented 1010 giants averaging 636.6 pounds. Handliners caught 428 with a much higher 689.3 average size. Rod and reel accounted for a few more at 435, but the average was only 587.4 pounds. That reflects the fact that most of the handline fish are caught in the northern area, where the fish are larger, while the smaller giants from Block Island reduce the rod and reel average. Finally, there are the harpooners with 147 giants averaging 628.6 pounds. In addition, there was a separate harpoon category which was allocated 43 short tons. Harpooners who opted for that category could catch all the tuna they wanted at any time until their quota was closed. As of the beginning of October, they had taken 132 giants averaging 570.1 pounds—and still had four tons to go.

The "incidental" category didn't turn out to be as incidental as it was supposed to be. American swordfish longliners were limited to two giants per trip and a total quota of 44 short tons. However, by the time the regulations got in place in June, they already had taken 249 giants totaling 74.5 short tons—and the quota was closed. The big kicker was in the purse seine catch. As previously noted, the purse seiners had no business taking any giants at all. They should have been restricted to a small by-catch of school tuna (10% by weight) in the skipjack fishery. As that fishery was a flop this year, there would have been virtually no school tuna purse seine mortality this year if the scientists original recommendations had been followed. Unfortunately, the last minute revision providing the purse seiners with giant tuna resulted in a large kill that was in violation of both the letter and spirit of our ICCAT agreement.

The purse seiners moved into the Block Island grounds just after the season closed and wrapped up most of the fish that appeared to be there. Two days later there wasn't so much as a hit in the entire sport fishing fleet all day. Some mediums and giants showed up again the next week, but the capture of around 1000 fish had to make a big dent in the population. The NMFS statistics are incomplete on the purse seiners, though the total weight of 189.5 short tons is probably final. That figure is 24 tons OVER their quota!

The numbers of giants killed by the purse seiners will probably equal all those caught in the general category. With about two-thirds of the weight counted they already had 669, as the tuna averaged only 378 pounds. Not only were they killing the prime young spawners that could have supported the fishery for years to come, but who knows how many comparatively worthless mediums were killed and thrown back in the course of catching those giants? The NMFS people don't know and I'm sure we'll never know just what the true mortality was.

The object of the giant tuna giveaway to the purse seiners was to keep them from killing even more school fish in the skipjack fishery. However, the net result was to kill of a large portion of the spawning population—just at the point at which they were first contributing to the effort. If a thousand more giants could have been killed without hurting the population, why were the general category fishermen limited to one per week—and why was the season closed on September 10—and why were those anglers to the west denied the opportunity to fish on the same basis as those to the north and east who have the fish earlier in the season? The coddling of the purse seiners who are largely responsible for the present situation has got to stop. They've made a fortune on the bluefin tuna while destroying the stocks over the years. There's no legitimate reason for continuing to reward them for their excesses at the expense of all other segments of the bluefin tuna fishery!

Where did the general category catch come from this year? Despite the fine fishing at Block Island, most of it still comes from the north. Northern Maine accounted for three; central Maine for 61, and the area from Cape Porpoise to Cape Ann for 47. The bulk, as usual, was boated in Massachusetts and Cape Cod Bays: 699. A surprising 73 are credited to the area south of Cape Cod to Gay Head, Martha's Vineyard. From there to Shinnecock the figure was 256. It's likely that almost all of these were from waters east of Block Island. The entire region south and west of Shinnecock accounted for only three giants due to the early closure.

The school tuna picture isn't clear as yet, but preliminary results from the contractor indicate that about 85 tons were caught on rod and reel, still below the quota. However, it appears that a lot of medium tuna brought into Point Judith were not accounted for. The June school tuna fishery off Virginia was excellent, but there were few caught anywhere during the rest of the season—except for some mediums in Butterfish Hole and off Block Island.

Next we'll look at the foreign catch, the status of the stocks, and the likely situation for next year.

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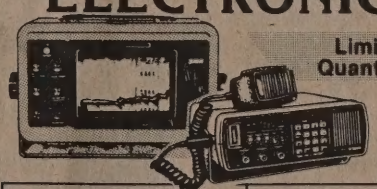

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BUCKTAILS CAN DO IT!

by Herb Buch

Bucktails can be a deadly tool in the surf at any time during the season but especially when migration time rolls around.

The two most productive lures that I know of are bucktails and diamond jigs. Diamond jigs are well known and widely used in our area; but bucktails are successful just about anywhere you could go, on any coast or in freshwater. In contrast to party boat fishing, the surf man will find many situations where metal just does not produce. I have had stripers hit bucktails with reckless abandon when they were ignoring all other kinds of lures. No doubt, each lure simulates a different kind of bait, and we never know what will turn the fish on. Although bucktails are not as easy to use as diamond jigs, they are not difficult to master. Since no one lure works all the time, it is to everyone's advantage to carry and know how to use each of the major types of lures.

The term "bucktail" may be used to describe a wide variety of lures. Basically, it is a lead head that has a hook molded into it and a hair tail. The eye of the hook usually sticks up out of the top of the head. This arrangement allows the lure to swim horizontally, even if the caster is up on a rock jetty or on a bridge. There are some horizontally flattened lead heads made with the eye at the nose of the jig. These are meant for use in shallow water where other types would constantly dig into the bottom. These skimmers are often used for bonefish on tropical flats but rarely used in our area.

The dressing on the lead may be natural or synthetic hair, or feathers. Feathers are very fragile, and not popular because of that. Synthetic hair is the most durable, but rarely equals the action produced by natural hair, although it is improving. Northern bucktail hair has beautiful action in the water, and holds up well in use. Some other natural hairs such as calves tails or Kip also work well, but the hair is not as long as that on the bucktail; therefore, it is only used on smaller jigs.

The most effective lures of this type in our area are white heads with white bucktail hair tails. Depending upon where you fish, the lures may range in weight from one quarter to two or three ounces. The most popular ones are one-half to one ounce in weight. Most users carry a few lures of another color for difficult days. Yellow is probably the most used back-up model.

Bucktails can be used anywhere you fish on Long Island and they will take stripers, blues, weaks, and many other varieties of fish. Local conditions will dictate the size lure that you will use and the method for its use. Since fish are mostly near bottom, the deeper the water, the heavier the jig. Shallow water requires lighter models, particularly if the bottom is rocky. Fast currents require more weight than still water. These are general rules, but you have to judge each situation as it arises.

If I had to choose a basic assortment to begin with there would be at least two half ounce and two one ounce whites with one of each size in yellow. These would allow you to handle most situations where bucktails can be used. The one ounce size can be cast a considerable distance with most kinds of tackle. It can probe the bottom of holes and cuts along the beaches and inlets and reach out for breaking fish that are a long way out. The lighter ones will allow a slow teasing action in shallow or back bay areas. They will also allow you to work a lure near the top in fast currents when fish are near the tip, as frequently happens at night.

Large stripers are suckers for bucktails too!

This type of lure can be used at any time of the day or night. During the night, you will have to try them both high and low. I like to begin with a light one, retrieved slowly. If no action results, you can let the lure sink or use a heavier model to explore the bottom. Slow is usually the best approach in the hours of darkness. Daytime usually requires you to work deep unless fish are actively chasing bait. Use the lightest jig that will stay deep. The lighter ones will have better action as long as they stay where you want them to.

The best areas to work are inlets, back bay channels, holes, and points anywhere. A running tide always seems to be best, but way back in the bays there may never seem to be any current. In such places, you just bounce your offering along the bottom, wherever there might be fish. Bridges and docks form current eddies that are often very productive at night. Inlet jetties may produce fish even during the day.

Metal lures usually have a built-in action. For this reason, even beginners can make them look good. Most bucktails do not have this characteristic. As a result, many people feel that it is too much like work to make them look alive. Look at it another way. You can give a bucktail an almost unlimited variety of actions by varying the way that you reel, and the way you move the tip of your rod. Back when I first began to use these lures, the standard retrieve was sometimes called the Florida whip. You whipped your rod either up or sideways, and then rapidly reeled in the slack, and repeated the same procedure until the lure was back at your feet. This method still works but to limit yourself to one approach would be to lose 90% of the value of these lures.

Let me describe some of the successful retrieves to practice with bucktails. The simplest one is to reel very slowly and steadily in the hopes of imitating a baitfish that just glides through the water. Charley Brewer, a freshwater expert calls this "do nothing" fishing. It requires a conscious effort to make the retrieve very smooth. Some sharpies use bait casting tackle because they feel that it makes for a better retrieve of this type. Use a lure that will swim just

BUCKTAIL HEADS

SIDE VIEW					
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NAME	UPPERMAN	BULLET	BALL	SMILIN BILL	STAND UP
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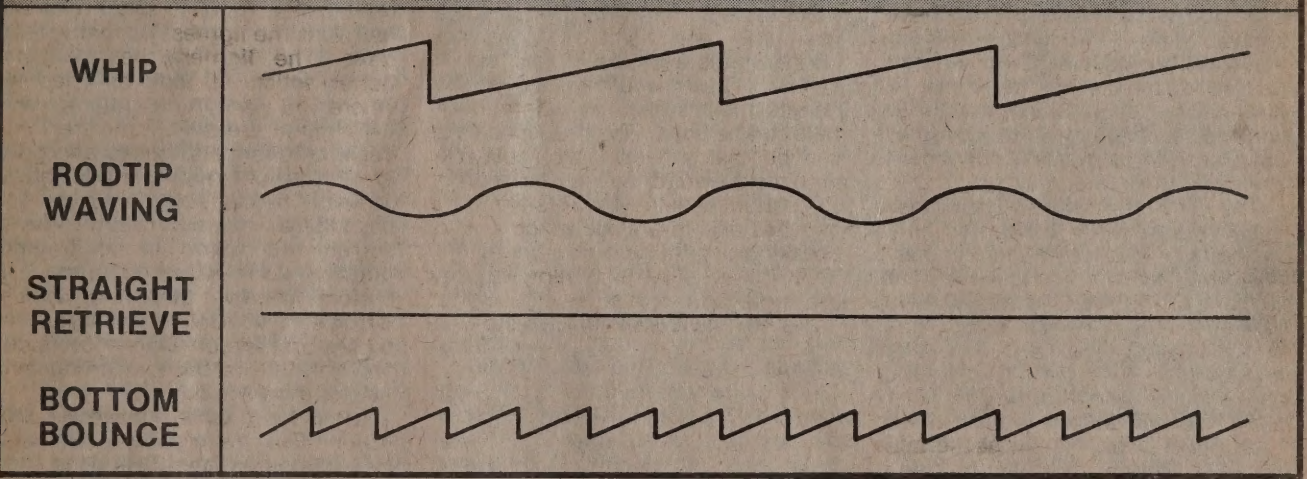

above the bottom and this method can be great, night or day. A variation is to drag it right along the bottom very slowly. I don't know what this imitates, but it occasionally is very effective. Mostly we use a slow version of the Florida whip, with short jumps interspersed with reeling in of the slack. It is easier to recognize a take with this method because if a fish has the lure in its mouth you will feel it when you move the tip. You can just reel steadily while you gently raise and lower the rod tip. Fish often inhale a lure without your knowledge, and can spit it out before you know that they had it. Occasionally during bright sunny fall days, the full whipping action will get hits from fish that ignore slower retrieves.

If you now combine depth with retrieves that vary from slow to fast, from no action to violent jumps, you can understand the variety which bucktails make possible. As a general rule, stripers and weaks go for slower retrieves; blues want more speed. Just remember that fish do not always follow rules any more than people do.

Each user has his own favorite retrieve or retrieves and also usually has definite feelings about the use of trailers on the hook. I usually use pork rind on the hook. For fluke, a strip of squid or fluke belly is almost a necessity. For other fish, it can vary. The most important trailer and one which I always carry is pork rind. White is the standard, but other colors may have their days. Another very useful garnish is a jelly worm. A whole worm cuts the distance of your cast. I have found that you can cut six or seven inch worms in half and use either half with good results. Weak-fish are suckers for this lure at times, and it casts fairly well.

The shape of the lead head can be an important factor in how the lure works. If you are fishing in a strong current with deep water, you need a head that will sink fast and not twist. Heads that are flattened from side to side so that they are taller than wide, work very well here. The old Upperman heads are of this type. The same lure would sink too fast in slower water and tend to get stuck in obstructions on the bottom. Along the average beach you can use any round, oval or bullet shaped head. Smiling Bill types have a notch in the front, which may give them a slightly different action on some retrieves. For bottom bouncing a slightly flattened bottom on the lead head helps to keep the hook upright and cuts the loss of lures.

Whenever you are working the bottom, you will lose some lures. If you do not work the bottom, most of the time you won't catch many fish. You must accept your losses as the price of doing business. Along rocky beaches, there is a method that was developed or popularized in Rhode Island many years ago which can save you a lot of bucktails. They took a piece of broom handle, put a screw eye in each end, attached the line to one end and the bucktail on a leader to the other. This allows you to work shallow rocky areas fairly easily. By using a floating popper body and a short leader (12 to 18 inches) I have had action by popping the plug over the edges of sand bars.

Once you catch a few fish on bucktails you will appreciate their versatility. Whether they simulate squid, as many believe, or any other kind of bait, there is no denying their effectiveness. Fish of all kinds, and all sizes can be taken. Drag them, swim them, jump them, or whip them, they are a lure for all seasons.

WHITING: Winter's Fun Fish

by Matt Ahern

These scrappers never fail to provide some fun during the cold winter months.

I caught my first whiting as a kid knee-high to the proverbial grasshopper. It was taken on a drop line while codfishing on the Cholera Bank. Since that long-ago day many whiting have gone into the old fish bucket. I've always found whiting easy to catch (sometimes impossible not to) and this ready willingness to accept the baited hook makes them fun fish par excellance. Though no longer as plentiful as in the old days (thanks to the detente-happy foreign fishing fleet now departed), it is still possible to fill the bucket.

Long Island and New Jersey fishermen who have access to the New York Bight are indeed lucky. It is from these localities that party boats carry multitudes of sinker bouncers to such famous whiting grounds as the Mud Hole, Scotland Grounds, and that long-time favorite—the once highly-productive Ambrose Light area.

The whiting's appeal is great, so it is not surprising that during winter iron men cast for whiting on frigid nights from local ocean-jutting piers and jetties; but take it from me, this is a cold, cold way to hack it. Therefore, unless you are of rugged constitution, be advised from one who has been there—do your whiting fishing during daylight hours aboard one of the many local party boats.

Before we go on, let's dispense with tackle requirements.

Any medium-weight conventional boat rod equipped with a conventional reel capable of holding at least 150 yards of 30 pound test monofilament is satisfactory for whiting. The 30 pound line is recommended because there's always a chance of nailing an out-sized cod. This does not happen as often as it once did, true, but the possibility is always there. Forewarned is forearmed.

Because drifting for whiting is more productive than fishing at anchor a bank sinker is preferable. Sinker weight depends on current-strength and rate of drift, which means that pinpointing one particular size is indeed difficult, but I'm sure an eight ouncer will see you through the day.

Whiting have large mouths filled with needle-sharp teeth and these are capable of latching on to careless fingers. Because of this, it is a good idea to use long-shanked hooks whenever possible. Any 3/0 or 4/0 Carlisle or Kirby will do the job. Though I've never been bitten during hook removal (whiting are far from bluefish in this respect), it pays to be on the safe side during those times when fingers become numb from cold.

Many whiting fishermen use five or six hooks; some a multi-hook mackerel tree. I believe two hooks are enough and these are all I ever use. At the end of the day I'm not too far behind the five-hook fishermen who seem to be continuously rebaiting or sorting out tangles.

Rigging is simple when two hooks are used. Attach the lower hook so that it clears the sinker by 18". Then place the top hook high enough to clear the first by a foot. This rigging will bring you whiting without fail.

It is quite common to catch ling when whiting fishing. Many times a boat will drift away from a whiting school after some hot and heavy fishing, only to pass over a body of bottom-hugging ling a few minutes later. If it is your intention to add them to your catch, it is important to modify your rigging. Ling will occasionally swim off bottom when tempted, but you'll catch more if you make it less difficult for them. Simply lower the bottom hook so that it's tied in two inches above the sinker. That's the hook old pot-belly can't resist.

Because whiting are true predators, they are susceptible to shiny lures and these they strike with vengeance, particularly two to four ounce mackerel jigs. I recall a spring mackerel trip Artie Leidecker and I made several years ago which turned out to be one of those times when we just couldn't locate the fish no matter what we did. We finally selected the Southeast Grounds for our last gasp effort. We found no mackerel, but when we lowered the jigs to within two feet of bottom, we filled two, five-gallon buckets to brimming with fat, sassy whiting.

Bait selection is no problem. When aboard a party boat you will probably use some type of fish bait—perhaps even skimmer. The thing to do then is this: catch your first whiting on whatever bait is offered, then take that whiting and slice it into strips about three inches long and a half-inch wide, then weave the hook through it and allow the barb to protrude about an inch from the end. That's all you need. Nothing catches whiting better than another piece of whiting. A whiting strip is fairly tough and will save you much rebaiting, which can mean a lot on those cold, finger-nipping days. And remember to keep the bait in motion by jigging with short lifts of the rod.

The average whiting caught in the New York Bight weighs a half pound, but larger ones are common and you can expect to catch your share. Whiting are known to reach eight pounds, but I've never seen one anywhere near this weight in over a half-century of whiting fishing. Catch one over three pounds and you can brag a little. Actually, whiting over four pounds are rare in our area.

It has long been my belief that fishermen do better when they know something about the life style of their quarry, so let's take a few minutes out and look at this extremely interesting fish. I promise not to bore you.

The whiting (actually a silver hake) is a relative of the cod, which include red hake (ling), white hake, haddock, pollack, various cusks, the spotted cod-ling of inshore shallow water, and the diminutive tom cod. For some reason, though, Nature has seen fit to place whiting in a class of their own.

It is a handsome fish. In fact, the name "winter weakfish" was common when I was a kid, although it has long since gone out of use. But around the Chesapeake Bay area, one may still hear the whiting called "winter trout."

As with all fish, successful spawning depends on exact water temperatures. This is the trigger needed to start the reproductive cycle. Because whiting are so widespread in the northern reaches of the western Atlantic, spawning is prolonged and can take place any time from June to October.

Spawning begins when water temperatures first approach 55° to 60°. In our area this is June; therefore, those whiting living farther north, in the Gulf of Maine, for instance, must wait until late summer

or early fall. Hence the long spawning season.

Fortunately for all concerned, whiting are prolific spawners—which right now is a boon to Nature in her endeavor to replenish a sadly depleted fishery. Because of this striving, whiting will again be extremely important to commercial fishermen. To meet heavy demands, tons will again be frozen and shipped to the Mid and Far West. Evidently whiting are a popular fish out there. Entrails, heads, etc., are used in the preparation of pet foods. Owners of mink ranches throughout the country purchase 50 pound blocks of frozen whiting to feed out to their charges. The annual commercial catch has fluctuated, but it used to be about 35 million pounds. What tonnage the foreign rapists caught is anybody's guess. I believe it had to be at least triple that of what our American fishermen harvested.

Spawning takes place in water depths ranging from 300 to 1800 feet—which is thought by some fishery scientists to be a much greater depth than that used by other hakes. The eggs are buoyant and about 1/25" in diameter when they reach the surface.

Incubation is rapid (48 hours) and when hatched the infants are approximately 1/12" long. When a length of 3/4" is attained, the adult characteristics are readily apparent. The young fish live on the surface. Here they feed heavily on plankton, reaching a length of 1" to 1½" by autumn; they then take to the bottom where they join millions of their brethren.

As noted before, the whiting is indeed a handsome fish. Its color is dark grey to brownish above, sides and belly silvery, and highly iridescent. The body is elongated and compressed. Its head is long and flattened above, with rather prominent ridges. Its snout is moderately broad. And as any whiting fisherman can tell you, the mouth is large and armed with many sharp, recurving teeth. (Thus the need for those long-shanked hooks mentioned before.) Teeth are in irregular series, usually two or three. The bony plate in the roof of the mouth also contain teeth. The whiting is a predator supreme and once those teeth fasten in some luckless bit of prey, the chances of escape are slim indeed.

The lateral line (the line running along the sides and length of the fish) is distinct. The scales, while not large, are bigger than those of other members of the cod family. They also do not lie flush against the body as one would expect, but jut out at a slight angle. This type of scales is known as deciduous and is not commonly found on fish that live in our local waters. (There's got to be a sensible reason for this, but I don't know what it is.)

The two dorsal fins are well separated and follow the pattern of the cod family by containing no spines. The outstanding characteristic about the second dorsal fin is that it has longer rays near the fore and aft portions, giving a sort of scalloped effect. The tail in the adult whiting is strong and slightly notched (called emarginated in scientific circles). In the young the tail is nearly straight. The anal fin is similar to the second dorsal and is placed exactly opposite. The ventral fins are well-developed; the pectorals, narrow.

While whiting are no match for the tackle often used, the name of the game for most is filling the freezer with these fine eating fish.

While the whiting is considered a hake, it is distinguished from true hakes by having well-developed ventrals, as noted. These take the place of thread-like feelers found in much slower-swimming relatives—the ling, for example. The whiting also lacks a chin barbel.

As you can see, Nature has done an excellent job on the whiting, for all this stream-lining provides the high speed needed to capture its prey. Certainly, with this help from Nature, the whiting can be considered as highly destructive to other fish, but not to worry. It is all part of Nature's plan to assure the tender balance without which all life would cease. Surely, the whiting and like predators have never done the damage to our fishery as has been done by the departed foreign fishing fleets.

Now let's return and we'll conclude our bit on this highly interesting fish.

Whiting are the easiest of fish to clean, so don't make it difficult by using heavy-handed methods. First, scale all your fish at one time—don't scale and gut, scale and gut...you'll only waste time. After the scaling is completed, run a sharp knife through the side of the fish slightly aft of the pectoral fin located at the middle of the body near the head. Angle the blade toward the vent and slice through with one swift motion. Then cut off the head. You'll have the entrails and head in one piece, with the gut cavity clean and in need of only gentle washing—preferably in saltwater. After you get the hang of it, you'll be able to clean a whiting in five seconds. Honest!

So, that's all I can tell you about whiting for now. Check The Fisherman ads for those party boats going whiting fishing—pick out a nice day and go. I'm sure you'll have an enjoyable time. I know I always do.

NEW CHOICE FOR SEASICKNESS SUFFERERS

by Einar F. Grell

Motion sickness or seasickness is a problem which resides in the inner ear. The ramifactions of this problem affect the brain, stomach, and throat in amazing ways. The most outstanding tendency of this malady is vomiting accompanied by a horrible nausea. If you have this problem, you may have asked yourself should you fish or not. Since most fishermen are to a degree both sadistic and masochistic, they have already decided...TO FISH.

Over the years the U.S. Navy has spent millions of dollars on motion sickness research with minimum success. Just recently, modern science has given us a device which is the best preventive method available today. This method will be described in light of older methods for seasickness prevention.

If you suffer from mal de mer, you might take a drug such as Dramamine or Merazine an hour or so before you leave the dock. To take these drugs at the onset of seasickness or motion sickness is practically worthless. You must allow a little time for these drugs to work and react in your system. If these drugs do not work for you, you have my blessings. What you will go through physically is best described by my friend "Vomiting Vic" as agony. Vic is a masochist and enjoys inflicting pain upon his body, for in spite of repeated seasickness, he continues to fish. He recently discovered the other choice soon to be described and is now a happy fisherman.

There are degrees of intelligence found in those who continue to fish in spite of their infirmity. Lessons can be learned from these unfortunates. I shall list a few positive suggestions for minimizing the "death wish." If you have a cold or feel a little "under the weather" before shipping out, don't mix Dramamine or Merazine with the high seas. You won't feel better. If you are recovering from a hangover and expect seasick pills to eliminate both motion sickness and the hangover—forget it! You are a doomed man. If you feel lousy at dockside what will you feel like offshore in a pitching, yawing, and rolling boat? Better? I doubt it very much.

If you have a very sensitive stomach, cool it on the food intake before leaving the dock. Some of my friends fish with an empty stomach. If you must eat while fishing, eat a little piece of plain bread. One of my seasick friends eats small pieces of pretzels and has minimum problems with his stomach. Stay away from spicy and sour foods. Do not mix orange or grapefruit juices with eggs and sausage or bacon. By all means do not eat breakfast at 6 AM and then have a "shot" of whiskey at 6:30AM and then take your Dramamine or Merazine as the boat leaves the dock at 7AM. My last fishing trip saw four fishermen who adhered to this game plan. Needless to say they were sick all day. Do you call this fun? This is piscatorial masochism at its best.

Violent vomiting is really bad for one's internal anatomy. Blood vessels in the throat and in the stomach have been known to rupture from these violent, involuntary movements of the digestive system. Again, be careful about what does into your stomach. Seasickness pills do work satisfactorily, but do not challenge them with your stomach filled with crazy food combinations that only a cesspool could handle. Give your system a break. It is better to be a little hungry and enjoy your day's fishing than to wish that you were dead when seasickness strikes.

For those boatmen/fishermen who continue to get some form of motion sickness even though they take seasick pills, there is today a far better method for alleviating this discomforting problem. Matter of fact, this new method offers a 75% reduction in the incidence of motion-induced nausea and vomiting over that of our present day seasick pills. This is a fantastic improvement over methods presently used. The use of this newer system when used properly prevents motion sickness from occurring for a period of time encompassing 72 hours. For those fishermen who take overnighters and long fishing trips this system is a tremendous blessing. It is a system that has been tested successfully on large cruise ships as well as by commercial fishermen on trawlers and crewmen on container ships and tankers.

What is involved in this new system of preventing motion sickness? If you know how to put on a Band Aid, you can use this system. This new system is known as the Transderm-V system. It involves placing behind your ear a little four-layered circular disc which is impregnated with the drug scopolamine which is slowly released in your circulatory system. Prior to use, a protective peel strip of siliconized polyester is removed. A small amount of scopolamine is then released. Protection begins within several hours following application behind the ear. Those prone to seasickness can place the small circular patch behind their ear prior to going to bed. They wake up for the fishing trip, go fishing and can be virtually assured that they will be free of seasickness for up to 72 hours.

Yes, **this is a prescription drug** since it contains scopolamine, a belledonna derivative, which means you must consult your family physician for the prescription. The drug has been fully researched by the Food and Drug Administration and tested on people of all ethnic groups with a minimum of problems. It is a drug far superior to seasick pills which, for the most part, put good fishermen to sleep.

The most frequent adverse reaction to the Transderm-V system is dryness of the mouth, a reaction which occurs in about two-thirds of the people tested. As my seasick friend Vic says, "I much prefer having a dry mouth to being ill." To eliminate the dry mouth problem, Vic now brings along a jug of water and a bag of pretzels and feels great. In one-sixth of the people tested drowsiness was a minor problem as compared with the large percentage, 80% who felt terribly sleepy after taking regular seasick tablets such as Dramamine and Merazine.

Children cannot take this prescription drug nor can pregnant or nursing mothers. Overdosage with scopolamine may cause disorientation, memory disturbances, restlessness, giddiness, hallucinations or confusion. Although those symptoms might sound like the characteristics of fish-crazed fishermen, this system does work and does give all those fishermen who love fishing at all costs the chance to have a very enjoyable day out on the water with the fear of motion sickness practically non-existent.

I have spoken with many fishermen and boatmen who have tried this new system and they state that the system works like a charm. They now enjoy fishing more than ever and wonder why the drug wasn't used many years before.

If you're prone to seasickness, call your doctor and put those days of misery behind you.

East End Report

by Stu Miller

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Capt. Bud Dorman of the six man limit open boat **Waxed** called to advise that his customers are getting school sized bass steadily for the better part of this past week. Saturday Dorothy Flemings, Cambria Heights and group had six bass while on Sunday Mike Licata, Ozone Park and party on a half day trip hoisted 5 striped bass. High hook is usually between 2-3 bass each day and all on diamond jigs. Blues still being added to the catch said Bud.

Charters are averaging 8-25 stripers per trip said Capt. Fritz Hubner of the charter boat **Mistress II**. Fish are running to 30 lbs. and are falling for umbrellas and for diamond jigs with action all around the point.

Aboard charter boat **Blue Fin I**, skipper Mike Potts advises that Monday's charter for the Fen group, Riverhead scored with 11 bass, two of which were over 30 lbs. and 5 over 20 lbs, three weakfish, 12-14 lbs. and roughly 50 blues. Wednesday's trip for the Best group, NYC hoisted 17 bass on a morning trip plus a few blues. Thursday's charter for the Anderson Group totalled 8 stripers and several blues while Friday's morning trip saw 15 stripers and a few blues as the reward for the Vacaro Group of Stamford, Ct. On the afternoon trip it was 15 bass for the Skonieczny group, Bridgehampton.

Amos Brother with a 51 lb. cod, Don Morrell wtih a 41 lb. pollack and Doug Kaskosza with his 58 lb. cod. All were taken on a recent Nantucket wreck trip aboard the "Viking Starship."

Saturday's afternoon trip scored with 12 bass for the Carr group. On Sunday the Gossard charter, NYC loaded the fish box with 44 striped bass and 15 blues. Aboard the **Blue Fin I** Friday's morning trip for the Bohrer party, had 12 bass, Saturday's morning trip saw 12 bass caught for the Kuno group and Sunday's trip for the Dent group of Troy, NY blasted 21 bass and 30 large blues. Fishing is all on umbrellas and action is all around the point. Mike advises he still has a few dates available in mid-November for bass, blacks or cod. Striped bass should continue for a good several weeks more as the water is still warm.

Continued super bluefishing is the word from the **Marlin Fleet** with fish running nothing but very large either on bait or on jigs. There are also a few bass and cod being caught along with the blues. Porgy action has been slow on the **IV** but cod and blacks have moved in to fill up anglers' sacks.

Charlie at **Star Island Yacht Club** tells of increased striper activity this past week with 25 stripers taken aboard the Sea Quest Sunday on diamonds. Al Ristori fishing aboard the Sherri Berri eeled up a 45 lb. striper Friday night. Lou Rosado on his boat Daiwa scored with a heavy catch of blacks and cod at SW Ledge. Capt. J. Ragano on his charter boat **Lori Jay** has been consistently scoring heavy catches of blackfish and cod at SW Ledge. Jim Young on his boat Capt. Meat has a solid catch of large flounder caught at Gin Beach and Culloden Point.

Aboard Capt. Jack Passi's charter boat **Windy** Jack advises his charters have been getting a few bass every trip along with loads of blues every trip on single tubes. Fish are running from smalls to 45 lbs.

Capt. Mike of the charter boat **Montauk** advises that a good striped bass run seems to have finally taken over. The total for Friday's 2 half day trips was 25 stripers while Sunday's full day trip saw 21 bass caught. Fish running 10-20 lbs. on diamond jigs, umbrellas or plugs. Hotspots are scattered all around the Point.

Capt. Phil Lewis of the charter boat **Adios** advises the striped bass had definitely picked up in quantities. Thursday's one man charter for Dr. Mike Zweibel saw 18 stripers taken including a 46 and a 15 lb. double header. Fish are averaging 8-15 lbs. on umbrellas at Pollack Rip, the Elbow and Shagwong. Friday's trip for Tony Napoli, Maywood, NJ saw a catch of 8 stripers in the afternoon and 14 for Tony on the following morning's trip. The Rivera group Sat. afternoon rang the bell with 8 bass. Sunday's trip for Bill Irizarry saw a catch of 14 stripers in the morning while the afternoon trip for Dan Cohen, 18 bass was the body count. Fish are being taken on both tides and in various areas around the Point.

Aboard the charter boat **Julie III** Joe Genturkeo and group Saturday totalled 87 blues and 3 bonito at Block. Sunday's trip for Dom Fileiu

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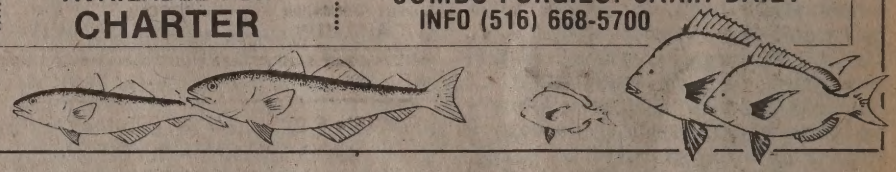

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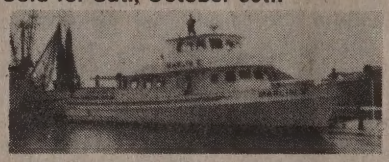

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and group hoisted 84 porgies to 3½ lbs., 23 blackfish to 6 lbs., and 27 flounder to 2½ lbs., all at the Pocketbook. Ron thanks all his customers for a successful season and happy holidays.

Maureen at **Gone Fishing Marina** advised that on Sunday John and Bill King along with Stevetta Bennett enjoyed a super catch of 60 flounder going 3/4 to 4lbs. fishing incoming water near Can 5 at the Point in one of the marina's rental skiffs. Clam was the hook bait. The charter boat **Nostalgia II** fished Vinnie Gartmeyer and Rich Rainen Jr and Sr with a total of 3 bass to 18 lbs. taken at Pollack Rip plus 25 blacks to 8 lbs. and 2 cod caught at SW Ledge. Aboard the charter boat **Alyssa Ann**, Dennis Hobbs and buddgies jigged bass to 7 lbs. at the point and later at SW Ledge belted big blackfish and cod up to 9 lbs. The Lena D also had blackfish at SW ledge up to 12 lbs. All the blackfish dined on green crabs.

SOUTH FORK

Aboard Capt. Artie Latch's **Sag Harbor** open boat **Wilhelric II** there was super blackfishing Wednesday, some of the best of the season. Jack Gleason and four buddies had 120 blacks between them while Richie the Cowboy was high hook with 34 blackfish. Everybody had enough early in the day and they returned to the dock. Saturday and Sunday were also excellent though action slowed a bit due to the strong moon tides. Action should be back to normal again by the time you read this report. The skipper says a couple of special trips will be made this week to Mad Dog Reef. Pool fish have been going 7-10 lbs. and green crabs have been the choice bait. Best action has been Little and Big Gull Islands and off New London.

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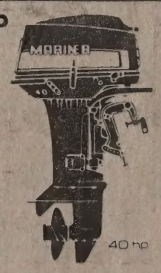

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Shinnecock Canal reported that their offshore wreck trips Saturday and Sunday had excellent results with big blackfish, sea bass and ling coming over the rail all day long along with some jumbo porgies. Sunday's catch included the first cod of the season as well. Andy Peda of Hampton Bays split the pool Saturday with twin 8 lb. blacks. Andy returned for Sunday's trip and belted another 23 blackfish, 8 sea bass and several ling. The next offshore wreck trip is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 6 and 7. The last sailing date for the season will be Veterans Day, Nov. 11.

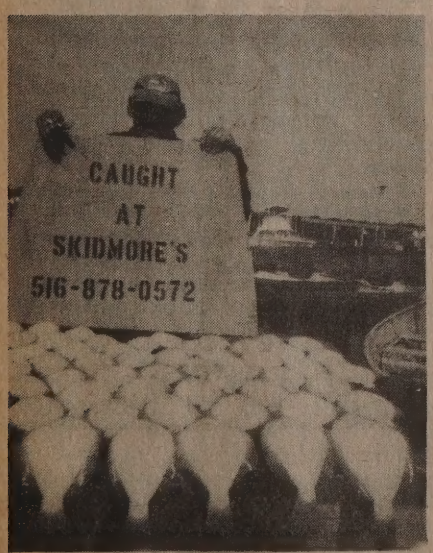
South Shore Report

by Fred Golofaro

Indian Summer gave Long Island anglers an unexpected treat over the weekend as relatively light southerly winds and almost balmy temperatures made it a pleasure just to be on the water this weekend. Flounder continue to please the majority of anglers although big bluefish continue to destroy tackle on the ocean wrecks. In addition, the number of cod mixing with the blues continues to increase and by next weekend there could be some decent cod scores made.

EAST END BAYS & INLETS

Fran Corr at **Corr's Mariner's Cove** in **Hampton Bays** told of a good showing of flounder in the Basket area and at Heady Creek. Sandworms and scallop shell chum are being used



Dave Roys took these 60 flounder up to 2¼ lbs. in Moriches off of the C.G. Station. He fished out of Skidmore's Fishing Station.

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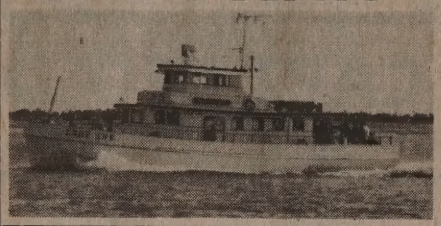

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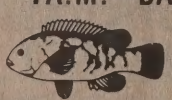

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by everyone. On Saturday, average score per boat was in the 30-40 fish range. Sunday saw some good catches made as Rudy Williams and John Harrold totalled 45 flatties including a pair of 3 pounders. Mike Rosenbach took 40 large flounder in Heady Creek with the average weight of these fish pushing the 2 pound mark. Al Masciotti and his Uncle George totalled 50 on the Basket grounds.

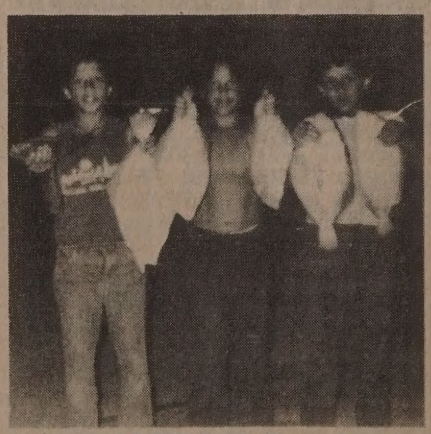
Haven's Point and Hart's Cove in Moriches Bay have been producing some real quality flounder although the numbers may not be as high as in spring. Most catches range from 20 to 60 flatties per boat but nearly all of the fish are in the 1-2 pound class. Those who make the best scores chum heavily with mussels or clams. Jerry, John and Bridget Baumeister worked Haven's Point on Saturday and put away 60 big flounder. Gary of **Silly Lilly Fishing Station** who reported the above, added that there are still quite a few blue claws mixed with the flounder.

Over at **Skidmore's Fishing Station**, Jim DeVita also emphasized the size of the fish being taken. One flattie taken on Sunday tipped the scales at 3 pounds, 2 ounces. Lots of 1½ to 2 pound fish are making up the catches coming from Haven's Point and the mouth of Seatuck Cove. Mussel chum and bloodworms or clam bait has been the ticket with the larger fish seeming to show a preference for the clam. High boats over the weekend had between 40 and 50 flatties with the best action on the last part of the in and the first of the outgoing.

Next door in **Eastport**, Andy from **Seatuck Cove** called it a good weekend with 25-40 flatties per boat about average with a lot of "real nice size fish" included. He too has been sending his boats to Haven's Point and Seatuck Cove. On Saturday, Ray Hiruko of Astoria singlehandedly accounted for 37 flatties in the Cove. He used sandworms and mussel chum and did best on outgoing water. Andy reminded that with all of the winds we get this time of the year, anglers should keep in mind that there are some good producing spots that are sheltered from most winds.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

The best flounder action being reported from the eastern sector of Great South Bay has been that which is going on from the docks in Blue Point and Patchogue. According to



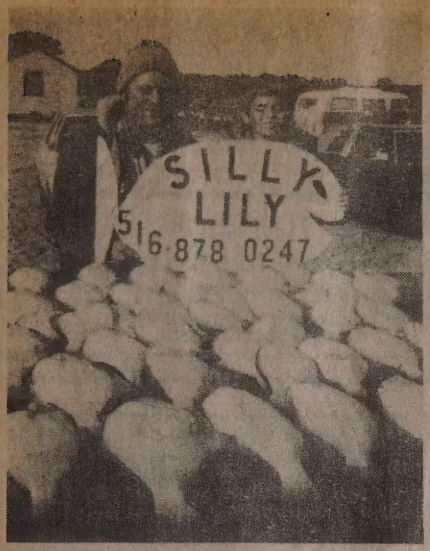
Lous and Alvin Aponte and Lou Contin (center), with some fine fluke and a blackfish taken in Shinnecock Bay. Subscriber photo.

Paul Graniello of **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue**, local anglers have been making some nice catches of flounder on bloodworms and while the fish are smallish, they are keepers.

To the west, Dave Canale at **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale** knew that there has been a pretty fair showing of nice size flounder between Sayville and Heckscher in recent days. This is the first fall in several years when this section of the bay has had any worthwhile flounder fishing at this time of the year. No word on blackfish but plenty of bluefish mixed in size from 3 to 20 pounds all along the beach from the Inlet east as far as one wants to go. Those trolling umbrella rigs have been making the biggest scores. On the freshwater scene, Dave told of checking in several trout in the 1½ to 3 pound range taken this week from Bubbles and Rattles on salmon eggs, nightcrawlers and live killies.

Ireene of **Peppy's Bait and Tackle** in **East Islip** put a 2¾ pound flounder on the scale for Marie Koncelik on Sunday. It was taken at Heckscher on clam bait. On Saturday, Art Schnittger worked buoy 1 off of Islip to the tune of 10 nice flounder. His largest was a husky 2 pounder. Overall, Ireene called the flounder fishing worthwhile but had nothing on blackfish although she has been selling a good amount of bait for the tautogs. She reminded too that she has a good stock of live eels for those looking to click with a big striper on the down side of the November moon.

Capt. Neil Delanoy of the **Bay Shore** open boat **Casey Lee** said that a decent run of flounder has developed between Bay Shore and Sayville and that each trip has been producing a



Gerry and John Baumeister with a beautiful catch of flounder in the 1 to 2 lb. range, made at Haven's Pt. in Moriches Bay. Photo courtesy of Silly Lily Fishing Station in E. Moriches.

good number of big flatties in the 1½ to 2 pound class. These jumbos are mixed with smaller fish. Sunday afternoon saw one drop off of Sayville produce approx. 150 large flounder. Violet Gallo clicked with 20 nice flatties while Bill Sawyer put away 25 keepers. Last trip of the season for the Casey Lee is scheduled for Saturday, November 6th.

Loads of big bluefish continue to wear down anglers aboard the **Speedy VI and VII** Friday and Saturday night and Saturday and Sunday. The **Captree** boats had fish up to 22 pounds this weekend fishing over all the local wrecks. Aboard the **Speedy VI** on Sunday, 200 sea bass and 15 cod were taken along with the bluefish. While the VI will continue on the daytime bluefish run, the last night trip will be November 5th and 6th. The Speedy VII will concentrate on cod beginning 6AM, November 6th.

Capt. Charlie Kennedy and his **Capt. Joseph** has been making hay with blackfish on the ocean reef and inshore wrecks. Not only are the numbers there, but the fish are averaging 2-4 pounds with a good number of 6-8 pounders taken eacha day. On Friday, 15 fares accounted for over 300 tautog including 20 in the 6-8 pound class. The pool was taken by Sam McRuin with a 11.5 pound bulldog. A larger fish, estimated to be at least a few pounds larger than the pool fish was dropped at the boat. On Saturday's trip, 10 year old Dennis Tucker on his first open boat trip managed 4 double headers during the day. He and his dad Don finished with a total of 28 blacks. Sunday was an ideal day with a good crowd, good weather and good fishing. Thirty-nine anglers had over 500 blacks to 8 pounds. The skipper figures there should be at least another 2 or 3 good weeks left of this fine action so if you are looking to stock your freezer with

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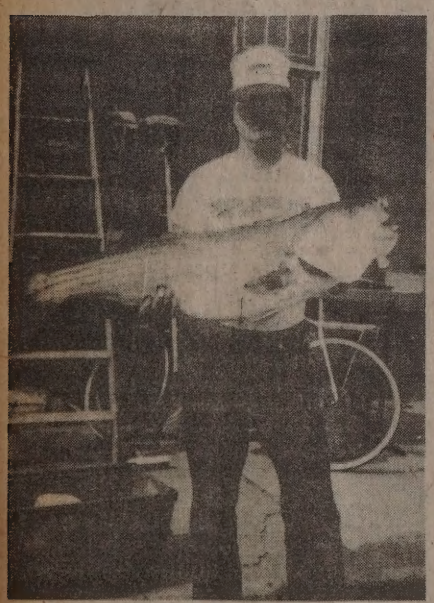
Lots of blues along the beaches for boatmen trolling umbrella rigs according to Ralph Perrone of **Augie's Bait and Tackle** in **Babylon**. Inshore, the blues are mixed in size but do range into the high teens while on the offshore wrecks, blues this week average 14-16 pounds. Some cod were mixed with the blues and Ralph told of weighing cod up to 35 pounds this weekend. Flounder fishing in the area has been picky and blackfishing slow in the bay but good outside on the ocean reef and wrecks.

SOUTH OYSTER BAY

Some decent flounder scores being made in deep water spots such as Massapequa Cove and Merrick Point according to Lon Wanser of **Wanser's Tackle Shop** in **Seaford**. Best scores are being made by those who chum and use worms although clams are also taking the flatties. Lots of bluefish along the beaches and in the inlet with both trollers and Diamond Jiggers cashing in on the fishing. Most of the blues are big with some running into the high teens. Lon described the blackfishing as being on the down side with interest in the tautog waning.

Over at **Pop's Fishing Station** in **Seaford**, John Dombrowski spoke of pretty good flounder action on both tides this past week. Among the better producing spots were Squaw Island, Four Corners and Merrick Point. In Massapequa Cove, the flatties were plentiful but small. Crabs still in surprisingly good supply in the area also. Best score of flatties made over the weekend was 65 fish taken at Four Corners by a trio of anglers. On Saturday, a Mr. Erickson



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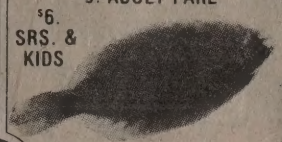

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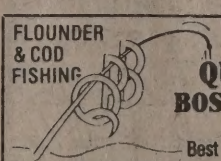

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Western South Shore Report

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WEST END BAYS & INLETS

Starting with the boats out of **Freeport**, we learned that the big catches of the week are consisting mainly of jumbo bluefish and very solid catches of blackfish. Aboard Capt. Sy Karlin's **Blue Fin Fleet** Saturday's charter for Hanover Bank had great blackfishing with Ed Goodwin taking the pool with a 9½ lber. The high hook was John McCormack with 30 blacks. The boat had over 200 blackfish for the day, all on green crabs and clam, on offshore wrecks. Sy also passed on the word that Capt. Al Lindroth has just been presented with another grandchild... congratulations, Capt. Al and wife Pat on the new addition.

Fishing aboard the **Aloma II** we find from Capt. Bobby Nagy that the flounder fishing has been good, from 15 to 18 fish a man on good days and 5 to 10 a man on slower days. Worm and clam bait are the ticket. The blackfish trips on Saturday and Sunday saw excellent catches made with following specifics: On Saturday, Alex Droby had 20 blacks including a 9½ lb. pool winner. Debby Grenpez caught 12 blacks up to 5 lbs., while Lillian Dinofsky took second place in the pool with a 7½ lb. black. Debby Mass, Mary Hocknell and Ann Carson had 30 blackfish between them. On Sunday Phil and Sandy Carrieri had 45 blacks to 5 lbs. Joe Bonura hoisted 28 up to 6 lbs. All these catches were on green crabs. Bob, a regular, scored with 24 blacks to 6 lbs. Eddie Bottlieri caught 28 blacks from 2-6½ lbs., while Spencer Thomas of Freeport had 21 nice flounder at Black Banks by himself.

Flounder action in the local bays has been enough to warrent the attention of most boatmen according to Jim Watt of **Merrick Tackle** in **Bellmore**. No word on any blackfish scores, however. Boats working along the beaches or around the inlet have been scoring with big bluefish on trolled umbrella rigs or drifted bunker baits.

belted 18 blacks to 7 lbs. and Ed Rios, Woodside smiled with 12 blacks to 5 lbs. The skipper says the blackfishing is at its absolute best right now and will continue to blackfish on weekends and all holidays.

The **Capt. Andy** advises he's been picking away at the flounder on his two trips daily working Long and Swift Creeks. While the fish have not been plentiful, they have been running good sized with a couple of fish this week hitting 3 lbs.

The **Starstream II** worked Cholera through Friday enjoying the super bluefishing that still was available there. Though things were a bit slow Friday Saturday's catch was solid with the fish biting late i n the day. On Sunday, super catches were also had at 17 Fathoms for fish 6-15 lbs., mostly on bait but some fish jigged also.

Aboard the **Captain Al** the weekend fishing was done at Farms with all customers bagging up till they were arm weary with 12-16 lb. blues. By popular demand, the boat will start on a 5AM schedule now for cod and blues daily.

Freeport Boatmen's Association passes the word on the **Super Spray II's** offshore cod wreck trip this week-end with solid catches of cod, blues

and sea bass made. The pool cod hit 39 lbs. and there were a lot of cod caught around that same weight. The boat also found cod in closer to shore on an inshore wreck and it certainly appears that we have a good cod season ahead of us. Association boats that fished for blues did well at Cholera, though there were a lot of doggies mixed in and also had big shots of jumbo blues at 17 Fathoms. The flounder boats had a slow pick all week.

Captain Jim Lanzaretta of the **Super Spray II** called to say that since the inshore cod on wrecks has been good, that starting Saturday of this week the boat will be codding daily at 5AM.

Aboard the charter boat **Lady J III** we learned that Wednesday saw good bluefishing at Cholera for Luscher Air Conditioning, Plainview, NY. The fish took bait fished on the bottom and the fish were the jumbo variety. Sunday's flounder trip for Donald Cangialosi and a large group of kids celebrating a confirmation party on a half day journey saw a fair catch of flounder picked, hampered however by strong moon tides and seaweed.

Captain Danny Polara of the charter boat **Nan Sea** fished Rickie Varga of Cedarhurst Sunday and the group had over 1,000 lbs. of 12-15 lb. blues on bunker and mackerel chunks fished mostly dead on the bottom at 17 Fathoms.

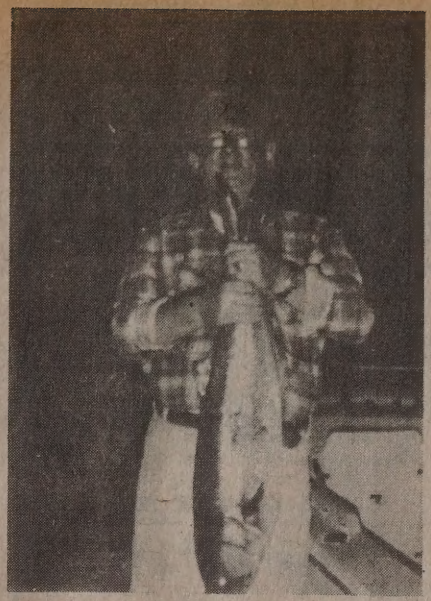
Gary at **Hook, Line and Sinker** has seen blufish taken this week from Cholera and 17 Fathoms on both jigs and bait. Bass are being trolled from the hotels west on spoons and umbrellas in 35 feet of water. A few good sized flounder from 1 lb. and up are being taken in the bays, but quantities are lacking.

Over in **Baldwin**, Jack at **Arthur Street Fishing Station** told of considerable flounder activity over the weekend coming in to his dock, with 42 flatties up to 2 lbs. taken by one boat. Best areas were Scow Creek and the hole off BOCES in Middle Bay. Garrett's Lead and Short Beach were also productive spots on worms and mussel. Heavy chumming is necessary however. Blues 12-14 lbs. have been trolled off the white condo on umbrellas.

In **Point Lookout**, the **Capt. Bill** continuing to sail two half day trips daily for flounder, told us the morning trips have been best this week with high hooks up to 15 fish. Afternoon trips have been slower due to the strong moon tides

Aboard the **Miss Point Lookout** with their two trip a day flounder schedule, things were slow to fair with the highlight being Thursday afternoon with 17 fares gathering up roughly 200 fat flounder. Good fishermen who stay at the rail and work at it can get anywhere from 8 to 20 fat flounder a day, depending on the whims of the fishing gods. There's been lots of seaweed and crabs around .

Beckman's Tackle in **Lynbrook** reports the flounder action has picked



A live bunker produced this 17 lb. blue for Al Rothenberg. It was taken off of the Radar Pier in Jamaica Bay. Subscriber photo.

up this past week over what it was at the cement block and Reynolds Channel near Duck Point. Catches there have been more consistent, with fish up to 1½ lbs. Reynolds and its attendant creeks have produced better catches this week overall. Blackfishing remains excellent especially at Silver Point jetty and the inlet jetties on fiddler and green crabs. The Tin Can has come alive for striped bass on Nordic Eels, any color.

Over in **Atlantic Beach**, Captain Ron Lepper of the charter boat **Kim** tells of big bass being caught off of

Still going strong at 78, Joe Wichnick holds a 14 lb. blue that he took on a bunker near the VZ Bridge. Subscriber photo.

Long Beach on spoons and umbrellas fish running 37½ lbs. from boats and also from the beach. Giant blues are still around, anywhere from 30 feet of water on out. Small bass being caught at the Breezy Point area and a few big bass at Romer Shoals, Flynn's Knoll and the Highlands.

From **Reynolds Reef Fishing Station** in **Atlantic Beach** we hear of great blackfishing with 1-2 lbers. being caught at both ends of the AB bridge, at Riis Park and off the Silver Point jetty. These jetty fish are super abundant, running 2-5 lbs. Clam, fiddler and greenies are the hook bait. Blues in 30-40 feet of water along the Long Beach shore line, from the Lido Hotel to the Sands Hotel. Fish are 12 lbs. and up on Lupo spoons and umbrella rigs and there are bass to be caught underneath these blues also. Some school bass at Norton's Point through the area of the Parachute jump. In the weekend striper tournament held by the Atlantic Beach Rod and Gun Club, Bob King of Long Beach took 1st place with a 37 lb. 10 oz. bass that hit an umbrella. Fred Kadzin was runner-up with a 20.1 bass. Flounder off the Cedarhurst Yacht Club and Magnolia Blvd. pier on worms. Best is are the creeks around the Cedarhurst Yacht Club area.

Over in **Long Beach**, **Long Beach Sports Marina'** tells of giant blues being livelined, trolled and plugged in many locations. Cholera was hot for Joe Finari and Paul Riley fishing live bergalls. On Friday, the duo chummed 27 fish, 12-17 lbs. The Atlantic Beach stones, the AB bridge and the Tin Can are also producing impressive scores. Flounder have been excellent at Duck Point and Hog Channel. Pat Smalley fished both locations and returned with 48 nice size flounder after chumming heavily Saturday. Blacks have made a good showing at the bridges, wrecks and rocks. Some school bass at the Tin Can and a few at the AB bridge on bucktails and small umbrellas.

NEW YORK BIGHT

In **Jamaica Bay, Cross Bay Bait and Tackle** passes the word that on Oct. 28, Kevin Dobkowski fishing blood worms in Canarsie Bay picked away for a total of 28 flounder from 1/2 to 2.1. General speaking, flounders and blackfish are being taken off both the north and south channel bridges on worms and clams, all tides.

In **Sheepshead Bay**, Capt. Walt of the **Flamingo III** advises that 17 Fathoms and the Farms have been red hot all through the week and weekend for jumbo blues 12-18 lbs. with an occasional 20 lber. being caught. Although the weekend saw things modulating slightly, catches still remain excellent.

Charter boat **Daybreaker** has been concentrating on good catches of bass being taken on Nordic Eels. The skipper says it looks like a good bass run is on and catches are being made off Coney Island, Seagate, with

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bigger fish at the Tin Can. Gorilla blues are also mixed in.

Sal at **Stella Maris Bait and Tackle** breaks down the area's action as plenty of blues off Coney Island and jumbos at 17 Fathoms. Plenty of bass of mixed sizes on worms, umbrellas and diamonds off Coney Island and at the channels. All the blackfish you want on mussel beds, rocks, reefs, jetties, bridge abutments. Good flounder catches off most of the jetties and Manhattan and Plum beaches.

On Saturday 30 stripers were taken from 5-20 lbs. aboard the **Elsie K III** with the pool money going to Bruce Simels. It was 18 stripers Sunday up to 15 lbs. Catches were on white Nordic eels on an ebbing tide. Captain Tom is staying with the bass as catches are good and November appears to be working up to being a super month.

Super dooper blackfishing aboard the **Pilot II** was had this week with good anglers averaging 30-35 fish every day this week. Fish are running 2-8 lbs. and the skipper says the fall blackfish run is at its height, with green crabs working best. Jersey hotspots and 17 Fathoms have been the key to success and right now is the perfect time to come and bag up on these sluggers.

Over in **Staten Island**, Lenny at **Santo's Sport Shop** tells of good flounder catches being made at Great Kills Harbor and Stapleton Piers 17 and 18. Worms are working best and there are good crabs to be caught in these spots also.

North Shore Report

by Marty Garrell

Fine Indian summer weather put fares back on boats and regulars back on the water for a good weekend. Bluefish were still available for those who didn't get their fill this season, but stripers were stealing the show in some areas. Fall blackfishing was excellent and flounders were also on hand.

WESTERN SOUND

Jack Rumpf at **Jack's Bait** on City Island told us that blackfish were abundant off Pea Island and Execution in 18-20' of water. Sharpies preferred 5-6 oz. of lead and greens or fiddlers in most spots. Although 90 percent of all local anglers seemed to be busy with tautog, some flounder anglers were working Eastchester Bay with good results. Schoolie bass might be found off Harts Island.

The **Glen Cove Sport Shop** reported flounder action is best now off Pryble Pier and around Bayville with Dosoris Pond the old reliable spot.

On the open boat scene, the **Klondike VIII** from New Rochelle spent the weekend on hefty bluefish in the 10-20 lb. category out on the ocean, but Pete Pearson expects to stay with blackfish during the week.

Dom Cerbone of the **Apache** from City Island was carrying bigger crowds during the week than on the weekend, but said that blackfishing remains quite good on the Connecticut side around Buoy 24C and the Norwalk Islands. Moon tides have limited the fishing off the 70' deep reefs to less than two hours, but there are some fish in 45' depths as well. Sinker weights start at 6 oz. and run all the way to 10. Fish can run 5 lbs. or more with a few to 9 lbs. Numbers run anywhere from 5 to 15 per fare. The **North Star** and **Ebb Tide were also loading on Connecticut tautog.**

Fifteen-year-old Frank Daguanno used a sand eel-squid combo to boat this 16¼ lb. fluke at Eaton's Neck in Long Island Sound. Subscriber photo.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

AM catches of bass were quite good for those who fished the dawn, and umbrella anglers using red and black tubes with gaudy spinners and lots of teasers did rather well off Eaton's. Some catches to 50 bass were reported and fish sizes ran up to 20 lbs. although the average was around 6 or 8, according to Ronnie Ferraro at **Ronnie's** and George Valentine at **4 Winds.** The half hour before dark had also been quite good late in the week. Bluefish are erratic but blackfishing off Buoy 11B is excellent.

John Caraftis at the **Caraftis Fishing Station** in Port Jefferson told us that the tautog off Oldfield are in 30' depths, and that Crane's Neck and the Pipeline at Shoreham are also productive. Fish run anywhere from palm size to 8 lbs. Flounder fishing inside is spotty and there are no monsters, but most have some success with the flatties.

Jeff Corey at **Ralph's** in Mount Sinai spoke of a pickup in the action after the big blow early in the week. Trollers with umbrellas or with Acceta spoons and pork rind had blues and schoolie bass in the 5-6 lb. class. The rocks off Miller Place were particularly productive in the early mornings and late afternoons. Ralph's was still renting boats and suggests that the blackfish are still close to the shore areas around Miller Place and Mount Misery. Flounder pounders do well both inside the Harbor and outside.

Packy Collins told us of the ups and downs with the Huntington area bass run aboard the **Ever Ready** and the two charter craft, **Broker** and **Packy IV.** The boats did well after the storm, then action died until Saturday. Unfortunately, the Ever Ready had problems with a water pump and was out of commission for some of the weekend. With repairs completed, Collins figures on running next weekend, on Veterans Day, and on the Saturday through Monday following. He'll be staying with bass. On Saturday, Stan Zelazny's party managed 7 bass and 6 blues and Rick Balsam's group had 9 bass, a couple of blues, and 12 blackfish on Sunday aboard the Broker. Billy Collins switched from the Tiger Stripe jigs to Nordic Eels on Sunday and pulled 16 bass and 3 blues for a party on the Packy IV.

Jeanette Fisher told us that the Aqua Gem from **Port Jeff** is happy now with larger blackfish off the Shoreham Pipe. Numbers have improved as well.

NORTH FORK

Warren's in Aquebogue reports that umbrella haulers have been trolling off Horton's for most of the week, with bass the primary target. Most are schoolies.

Ace Cottral at the **Port of Egypt Station** said that blackfishing had picked up after the storm, but that the flounder really didn't pick up until Saturday. A number of fine tautog catches were reported close to the Orient Station as well as off Mulford. Flounder finally showed again to the east of the Station and most of the 29 boats out over the weekend (both days) reported decent fishing. One surprise was a nice catch of big porgies off Mulford. The Port of Egypt will be putting out boats weekends only through November 14.

Art White of the **A.P. White Bait Shop** in Greenport said that there were still flounder as far west as Petty's on the Sound and in the bay off the Greenport Jetty. Blackfish were the principal attraction and anglers aboard the open boats **Brand X** and **Peconic Star** were putting up with up to 20 oz. of lead on full moon tides. Plenty of tautog to 9 lbs. made it worth the trouble, however.

Anna Mae Rainis said that the **Blue Albatross** was probing Gull Island waters for big blackfish and had a pool winner on Sunday that topped 10 lbs. Two buckets per person seems to be the norm, and the tautog have been moving into deeper waters. Richie Jensen's **Nancy Ann** has been doing mostly blackfish business, but has done some work on local schoolie bass as well.

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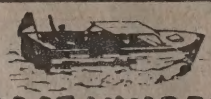
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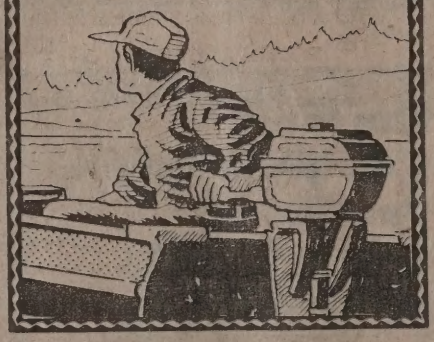

Surf Report

by Fred Golofaro

While last weeks storm may have taken some of the edge off of the prior weeks hectic surf action, casters continued to get in some pretty good innings with big blues around many sectors of the Island.

There was also a showing of big bass along Southampton's sand beaches and in Long Cove on F.I. National Seashore property since the storm.

Montauk turned out a few real quality stripers and for a change, shore based casters (as opposed to wet suiters) were in the limelight. The North Shore still has some blues but the best action appears to have shifted to the North Fork where school bass are mixed with the blues. Here's how things looked after gathering this week's reports.

The run of big blues that has been sweeping South Shore beaches has apparently stopped short of the Staten Island shore. Lenny Killoran of **Santo's Sport Shop** in **Staten Island** said that just a few blues in the 10-12 pound class fell to bait near the south beach storm sewer over the weekend. Cliff Street and the Staten Island boggs have both been producing some school bass from shorts up to 5 pounds on Rebels, Red Fins and Bucktails. No word on any big bas being taken in the area.

Paul Huth's largest blackfish in 55 years of fishing for them was this 13 lber. taken on a recent trip out of Port of Egypt Fishing Station in Southold.

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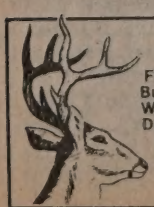
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From **Beckmann's Tackle Shop** in **Lynbrook**, Charlie Beckmann said that the surf from West End to Atlantic Beach has been alive with blues on an almost daily basis and that Hopkin's in the #3½ and #4 sizes have been hot selling items. Bait has also been accounting for a good share of big blues. Tom Kerwin weighed in a 16 pound blue that he took on West End on Friday and Charlie saw a 38 pound striper that was taken at Atlantic Beach on Thursday.

Good reports of action with big blues eminated from **Wanser's Tackle Shop** in **Seaford** and **Merrick Tackle** in **Bellmore**. While West End received a heavy play, parking field 6 as well as Tobay and Gilgo also producing fish. John Schauer of Islip Terrace had 5 blues from 10-14 pounds on J-9 jigs Tuesday afternoon. I was told by Jim Watt that fish were taken in front of the lot at West End from Saturday afternoon until 11PM that night on bait. The only bass news coming from this area concerned Wednesday evening when several fish including 2 in the 30's were reported.

Robert Moses continues to produce a pick of big blues when an occasion good shot at the fish according to Dave Canale at **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale.** J-8 jigs and Hopkin's as well as bait have been taking the fish. Some smaller blues began mixing wit the big choppers towards the weekend. Al Cross took a number of big blues this past week using bally-hoo which is normally reserved for offshore trolling. The blues liked them just fine. I came across Mike Sala on Sunday morning at Field 4. The 13-year-old caster took his first big blue from the beach on a tin and tube combo. It weighed 13¼ pounds on my Chattilon. Congradulations Mike!

The Moriches shore continued to produce blues as well as a few big bass. Those who traveled west to Long Cove on Thursday and Friday mornings had mostly big blues from 10-14 pounds and a few larger along with a few big bass. Shirley Orsinger took a 35 pounder on a Hopkin's while a caster known only as Rocky clicked with a 26 pounder. Paul Graniello of **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue** who weighed these stripers on Thursday said that he heard of no bass taken over the weekend but that a mixture of small and large blues was scattered along the beach east and west of Smith's Point.

There was a good run of big blues and some big bass between Cooper's Beach and Shinnecock Inlet-east side on Saturday. Thom at **Speck's Bait and Tackle** in **Southampton** said that fish were taken at high water and through the drop primarily on tins. Among the bass he weighed were a pair of nearly identical cows. One checked in at 40.6 pounds while the other was 40.5 pounds. He also put bass of 31, 28 and 20 pounds on the scale.

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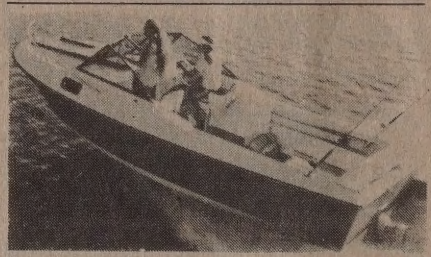

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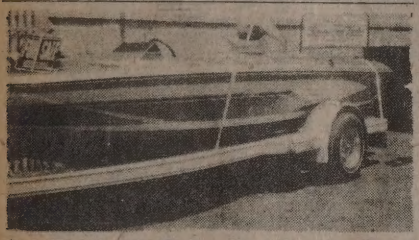

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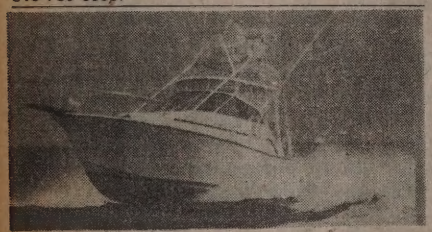

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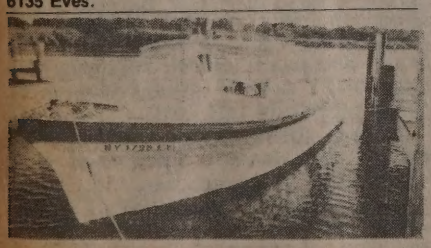

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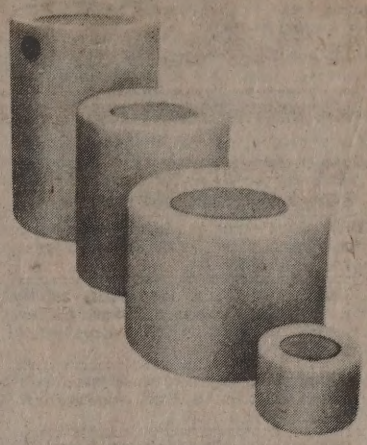

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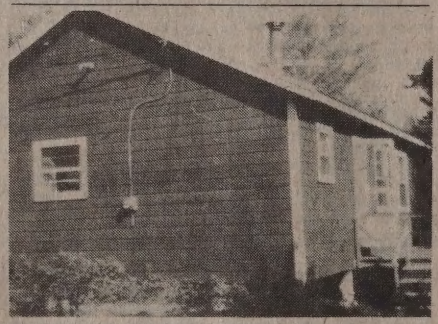

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fish in print.

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quantity seems to be the name of the game according to Johnny Kronuch of **Johnny's Tackle Shop**. Some nice fish were taken under the light between Thursday and Saturday and there was a good shot of big blues with some big bass among them at Ditch Plains on Wednesday. Johnny scored with an 18 pound blue himself and knew of fish to 19 pounds taken. Of the bass that were mixed with the blues, Dave Mardey had the largest, a 37 pounder. James Coombs followed up Dave with a 32 pounder. Both were taken on tins. Action at Ditch Plains waned over the weekend but John did weigh in a 15 pound blue taken there on Sunday. On those fish from up front, Peter Angiponti took a 28 pounder, Frank McCann scored with a 26 pounder while Jim Destefano took a 23. Gary Hall paired a 42 pounder with a 17 while Mike Mirra led all comers with a 43 pounder. John knew of a 35 taken up front and weighed other fish in the teens and low 20's over the same peroid of time.

Action in the western portion of the sound seems to be dissipating with **Glen Cove Sport Shop** reporting very few bass and even fewer blues this past week although Dave Watt did say that a very large blue is still being taken occasionally.

Working our way east, Tom Bowman of **Bowman's Sports Center** in **Northport** said that some blues are being taken on local beaches with chrome poppers and jointed rebels doing the damage. Largest tom weighed during the week was an 11¾ pounder.

Blues in the 2-8 pound range still roam the beaches between Mount Sinai and Wading River mornings and evenings according to Stan Henschel of **Rocky Point Fishing Stop**. A few big blues up to 16 and 18 pounds are still being picked at night on bait although a few were taken during the evening hours on plugs between Shoreham and Wading River this past week. Of the bass fishing in the area, Stan told of a pick on school bass for those throwing tin in the daytime and rebels and red fins after dark.

Horton's Point has a mixture of school bass and blues of mixed sizes according to Ed Kopack of **Warren's Tackle Shop** in **Aquebogue**. Here, too, its tins morning and evening and 5½ inch redfins at night. Best color redfins have been blueback or yellow and white. There was a shot of school bass action at Bailey's Beach on Rebels or Red Fins with droppers but the only big bass news came from the South Shore. Ed told of weighing two bass of 22 and 45 pounds taken at Shinnecock late last week.

Before closing I have a last minute report from Charlie Beckmann who just called to report weighing a 40 pound striper for William White of the Bronx. The big bass was taken on a Hopkins, 7:30 Monday morning at West End. He and his partner Dave Dillingham also had 3 small blues with the big bass.

High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables:

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or **subtract** the hours and minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet -0 50" is listed under "ON SANDY HOOK" -0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6 hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	Breakwater Harbor AM	Breakwater Harbor PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGE-PORT AM	BRIDGE-PORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THUR.	9:30	10:05	10:10	10:35	10:00	10:40	10:55	11:35	12:25	12:40	12:30	12:45	9:30	9:55	11/4
FRI.	10:20	11:00	11:05	11:30	11:00	11:45	11:45	—	1:15	1:30	1:25	1:40	10:20	10:55	11/5
SAT.	11:20	—	—	12:05	—	12:05	12:30	12:45	2:10	2:25	2:20	2:40	11:20	11:55	11/6
SUN.	12:05	12:25	12:40	1:05	12:45	1:05	1:35	1:55	3:20	3:35	3:25	3:45	—	12:25	11/7
MON.	1:10	1:25	1:50	2:15	1:50	2:10	2:45	3:05	5:00	5:20	4:30	4:55	1:00	1:30	11/8
TUE.	2:15	2:35	3:05	3:25	2:55	3:15	3:55	4:15	6:20	6:50	5:40	6:05	2:05	2:35	11/9
WED.	3:20	3:35	4:10	4:30	3:55	4:15	5:00	5:25	7:30	7:55	6:40	7:10	3:05	3:35	11/10
THUR.	4:20	4:40	5:10	5:25	4:55	5:15	5:55	6:20	8:25	8:50	7:40	8:10	4:05	4:25	11/11

On SANDY HOOK

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	–0 01
Red Bank, Navesink, R.I.	+0 48
Long Branch	–0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	–0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	–0 12
Seaside Park	–0 33
Mantoloking zbridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	–0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	–0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	–0 26
Gt. Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 46
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNESEND INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	–0 02
Rehoboth Beach	–0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	–0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	–0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Harts Cove	+1 30
Pontunck Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	–0 38
Democrat Point	–0 38
Coast Guard Station	–0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	–0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	–0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	–0 00
Beach Ch. Bridge	+0 38
JFK Airport	+0 26

On BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	–0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	–0 08
Herod Point	–0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 19
Horton Point	–0 20
Truman Beach	–0 42
Falkner Island	–0 13
Sachem Head	–0 10
Branford Harbor	–0 07
New Haven Harbor	–0 08
Milford Harbor	–0 07
Stratford	+0 27
Shelton	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor	–0 03
Saugatuck River	–0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	–0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+0 27
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land	–0 14
Montauk Inlet	–0 25
Montauk Point	–1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington	–0 33
Noank, Mystic River	–0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	–0 01
Norwich	+0 09
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook jetty	+1 10
Lyme	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On WILLETS PT.

Little Neck Bay	–0 10
Execution Light	–0 06
Manhasset Bay	–0 01
Hempstead Harbor	–0 11
City Island	–0 03
Rye Beach	–0 28
Port Chester	–0 09
Mamaroneck	–0 08
New Rocheele	–0 24
Davids Island	–0 02

On B'WATER HB.

CAPE MAY POINT	–0 10
Miami Beach	+1 17
East Point	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	–0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River Ent.	+0 33
St. Jones River Ent.	+0 57

On NEW YORK

Jersey City	+0 07
Geo. Washington Br.	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburg	+3 42

On NEWPORT

Sakonnet	–0 10
Tiverton	+0 21
Beavertail Point	–0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+0 10
Bristol	+0 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayett Point	+0 12
Pawtucket	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	–0 08
Point Judith Harbor	–0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Old Harbor	–0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

11/5	6:37	4:49
11/6	6:38	4:48
11/7	6:40	4:47
11/8	6:41	4:46
11/9	6:43	4:45
11/10	6:44	4:44
11/11	6:45	4:43

Moonrise/Moonset

11/5	8:31 PM	11:01AM
11/6	9:36 PM	12:00 PM
11/7	10:46 PM	12:50 PM
11/8	11:56 PM	1:32 PM
11/9	—	2:07 PM
11/10	1:05AM	2:38 PM
11/11	2:12AM	3:06 PM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr	FULL	2nd Qtr.
11/15	11/23	11/1	11/8

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SOLUNAR TABLES

When To Fish Or Hunt

The schedule of solunar periods for this week as printed below have been taken from the original ***KNIGHT SOLUNAR TABLES.*** Plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during these times when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee-you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold type face. The minor periods are shorter in duration and lighter type face.

	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	7:00	12:50	7:35	1:20
Fri.	8:05	1:55	8:40	2:25
Sat.	9:10	3:00	9:50	3:35
Sun.	10:20	4:10	10:55	4:40
Mon.	11:10	5:00	11:45	5:30
Tues.	—	5:50	12:05	6:15
Wed.	12:30	6:40	12:50	7:05
Thurs.	1:20	7:25	1:35	7:45

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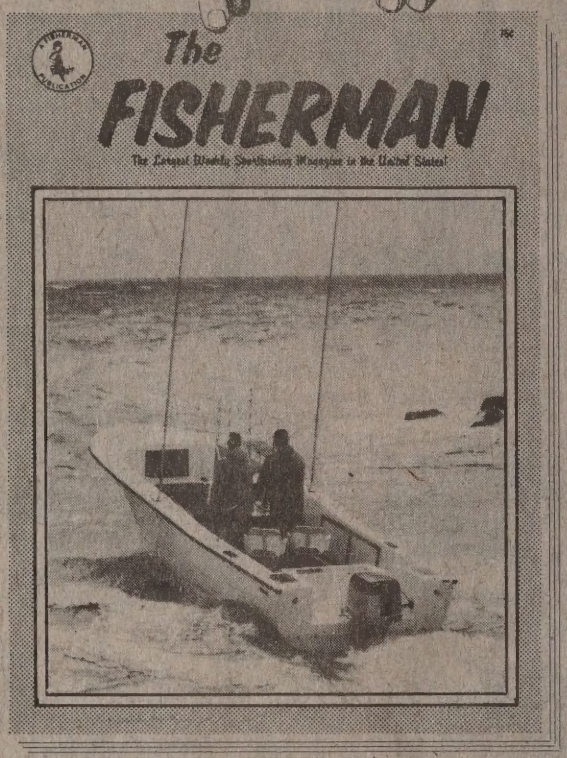

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